SUMMARY	
APPLICANT	Ms Millie Sullivan
REF NUMBER	FOI-63-24
SCOPE	Academic partnership policy or statement commitment by the university to exclude arms trade companies
DECISION MAKER	Sophie Cole
DECISION DATE	01 May 2024

Decision

I, Sophie Cole Information Rights Manager, dealt with your request for information received by the University of Wolverhampton (University) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (FOIA).

I can confirm the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist in a central location or in a way that is easily reported.

Please refer to the subsequent pages of this Decision Notice for further clarification on my decision.

Sophie Cole
Information Rights Manager
01 May 2024

Background & Scope of Application

On 5 April 2024, the University of Wolverhampton received Ms Millie Sullivan's FOI application, requesting the following:

- In the below request the phrase the phrase 'arms trade companies' relates to, but not limited to:

- a company that is involved in any capacity in manufacturing (parts or complete), production, sales or exports of weapon systems (including small and light weapons, heavy and conventional weapons, and nuclear weapons) in one or more sectors (including dual-use purpose companies).

- 'Academic partnership policy or statement' refers to any commitment by the university to exclude arms trade companies from any of the following:

    - Graduate schemes/apprenticeships/Careers fair appearances
    - Directly sponsored PhDs or Studentships
    - Public donations - sponsored buildings/libraries etc
    - Company involvement in university departments - i.e. MoD Laboratories, EPSRC centres for doctoral research. Dual employment of staff/management or lecturers - staff/management or lecturer employees who are also currently employed by an arms trade company
    - Any consultancy role.

    - Please may I request any relevant policy or statement within the last five years. Please can these be broken down by year and categorised accordingly:
    - Year of policy/statement release
    - Name of senior management or council or committee that wrote or signed off the statement
    - Name of the council or committee that oversees academic partnerships in any of the aforementioned capacities.

Search for Documents

Based on the original scope of this request, I conducted a search of the University of Wolverhampton's records to determine whether the requested information can be provided to Ms Millie Sullivan in response to the original application, dated 5 April 2024.

The following searches were undertaken:

Group/Individual	**Search conducted**
External Relations Directorate	Application scope
Policy Research Hub	Application scope
University website	Policy Hub

Decision

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I can confirm the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist in a central location or in a way that is easily reported.

There is no central register where this specific information could be held, and no policy exists where this topic is discussed. This information is not specifically captured and recorded centrally and therefore no data exist that can be reported. This decision has been made after all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the requested information. Whilst I acknowledge that it is the principle object of the FOIA to provide public access to documents, I am satisfied that the requested information does not exist.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please contact us with the details of your dispute via email at FOI@wlv.ac.uk and we will conduct an internal review of our response.

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address: https://ico.org.uk/