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Dear SA Murugayah

I refer to your information request dated 5 October 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982. You have requested information in relation to postgraduate study in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Otago.

We note we emailed you 7 October 2022 to clarify whether you were interested in receiving information in relation to enrolments to the Diploma for Graduates and enrolments to Bachelor of Science (Honours). Your responses of 7 October 2022 and 10 October 2022 confirmed that you wished for enrolments to both of these programmes to be included with your request.

Please see below our responses to each of your questions.

- 1. The number of international students who enrolled for any form of postgraduate study with the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Otago from 2015 to the most recent data available**
- 2. The number of domestic students who enrolled for any form of postgraduate study with the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Otago from 2015 to the most recent data available**

Please see the below table which shows the number of new postgraduate enrolments in a Biochemistry programme from 2015 – 2022, broken down by Domestic and International students.

Please note that students are counted in their first year of postgraduate study only. For example, a student enrolling in a two-year Biochemistry Masters' degree (MSc) in 2017 would only be counted in 2017, and not counted in 2018.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Domestic	21	18	14	14	16	15	19	18
International	2	3	0	3	1	4	1	0

- 3. Of the students in questions 1 and 2, how many obtained a Bachelor's Degree majoring in Biochemistry from the University of Otago?**

Please see the below table which shows the number of postgraduate students in a Biochemistry programme who had graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Otago, broken down by Domestic and International students.

As noted above, students are counted in their first year of postgraduate study only.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Domestic	18	15	11	8	12	13	15	15
International	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0

I note that in addition to the students who enrolled in postgraduate programmes with the Department of Biochemistry, there will have also been students enrolled in postgraduate programmes and papers in other subject areas who were supervised or co-supervised by staff in the Department of Biochemistry.

I trust that this information will be helpful. Further information on the Postgraduate study options offered by the Department of Biochemistry can be found on the University of Otago [website](#).

Yours sincerely



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