

The use of student data for research purposes.

The preferred option is for researchers to gain consent from student participants to access their assessment data. However the university makes provision for researchers to use student data and students are made aware of this in the Student Data Code which their attention is drawn to at enrolment each year. Joe Rennie, the Deputy Registrar is the person who can authorise the use of large or retrospective student data sets. As with all use of personal data, the data in question should be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose in question. If there is a way of using the data without the need for student names or student number/ID then that is preferable. The data cannot be used to support decision making with respect to individuals and must be fully anonymised for any reports within the faculty or University or for publication.

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