

# Response to Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

Paul F. Occhiogrosso

Mon 2/14/2022 4:31 PM

To: Ryan Jajosky <rjajosky@gmail.com>;

Cc: Sakine Franke <sfranke@ccny.cuny.edu>; Kay Kelly <kkelly1@ccny.cuny.edu>;

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Dear Mr. Jajosky:

I write in response to your request below dated February 8, 2022, pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law (N.Y. Public Officers Law §§ 84-90), as follows:

**REQUEST:** "Regarding the investigation of Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang's research, can I be emailed (at this email address) the Final Report as soon as possible?"

**Response:** Your request is hereby denied in full on the ground that the records requested are not "reasonably described," as required by N.Y. Public Officers Law § 89(3)(a). Specifically, it is not clear to what "investigation" or "Final Report" you refer. If you wish to clarify your request, I will reconsider it.

In accordance with N.Y. Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you may appeal this decision in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of this email to:

Derek Davis, Esq.  
Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel  
The City University of New York  
205 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10017  
[ogc@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:ogc@ccny.cuny.edu)

Sincerely,

*Paul F. Occhiogrosso, Esq.*  
*Executive Counsel to the President*  
*The City College of New York*  
*Wille Administration Building, Rm. 200*  
*160 Convent Avenue*  
*New York, NY 10031*  
*e-mail: [pocchiogrosso@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:pocchiogrosso@ccny.cuny.edu)*

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**From:** Ryan Jajosky <rjajosky@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:55 PM

**To:** Paul F. Occhiogrosso

**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

Hi,

I would like to make a FOIL records request. Regarding the investigation of Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang's research, can I be emailed (at this email address) the Final Report as soon as possible? If this is not the correct person to contact, can you let me know who is? I am willing to pay a fee of upto \$150.

<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Biology/Faculty-Bios/Wang,-Hoau-Yan>

Thank you,

Ryan Jajosky

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From: **Phillips, Lynette** <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)>

Date: Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 3:42 PM

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

To: Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>

CUNY is comprised of 25 separate campuses. This campus has no record of the information you seek.

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**From:** Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 3:24 PM

**To:** "Phillips, Lynette" <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

Hi,

In the "Forward-Looking Statements & Safe Harbor" of Cassava Science's Corporate Presentation there is a statement which says "the initiation and progression of a scientific inquiry undertaken by CUNY and the publication of its results", in regards to this company's relationship with Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang. Could this investigation be happening by a different center within CUNY? I asked the Graduate Center because I thought Dr. Wang was employed by the Graduate Center.

Reference:

<https://www.cassavasciences.com/company-presentations>

Thanks,

Ryan Jajosky

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 2:55 PM Phillips, Lynette <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)> wrote:

Mr. Jajosky – this campus has no record of an investigation occurring in the first place.

Lynette M. Phillips  
Records Access Officer  
The Graduate Center  
City University of New York

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**From:** Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:20 PM

**To:** "Phillips, Lynette" <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

Hi,

Can I get the report when it is available, even if it is not ready now? Or, do I have to make a request every day?

Thanks,

Ryan Jajosky

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 1:20 PM Phillips, Lynette <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)> wrote:

February 8, 2022

Dear Mr. Jajosky:

In response to your FOIL record request for the Final Report of an investigation of Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang's research, please be advised that a diligent and exhaustive search has been made of the Graduate Center's institutional records and email accounts. No responsive materials could be located.

Sincerely,

Lynette M. Phillips  
Records Access Officer  
The University Center  
City University of New York

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**From:** Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 11:47 PM  
**To:** "Phillips, Lynette" <[lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lphillips2@gc.cuny.edu)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request

Hi,

I would like to make a FOIL records request. Regarding the investigation of Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang's research, can I be emailed (at this email address) the Final Report as soon as possible? The website says he is a member of the Graduate Center, so I am emailing you. If this is not the correct person to contact, can you let me know who is? I am willing to pay a fee of upto \$150.

<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Biology/Faculty-Bios/Wang,-Hoau-Yan>

Thank you,

Ryan Jajosky

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From: **CUNY General Counsel** <[ogc@cuny.edu](mailto:ogc@cuny.edu)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 11:48 AM  
Subject: RE: Request  
To: Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>

Dear Mr. Jajosky:

Requests for records should be made pursuant to the New York State Freedom of Information Law ('FOIL'). Any such request will be processed in accordance with the law. For records maintained at the specific CUNY College, please direct the request to that College. Further details on FOIL are available at: <https://www.cuny.edu/foil/>.

Regards,

Office of the General Counsel  
The City University of New York

**From:** Ryan Jajosky <[rjajosky@gmail.com](mailto:rjajosky@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 2, 2022 11:31 PM  
**To:** CUNY General Counsel <[ogc@cuny.edu](mailto:ogc@cuny.edu)>  
**Subject:** Request

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Hi,

Regarding the investigation of Dr. Hoau-Yan Wang's research, can I be emailed (at this email address) the Final Report as soon as it is finalized?

Final Report After the client responds to the formal draft report, a final report is issued by Internal Audit. It generally includes the client's response to the findings and recommendations, and any additional comments considered necessary by the Director of Internal Audit. The final report is assembled and copied by the Office of Internal Audit, which then distributes copies to all interested parties, including appropriate University officials. At this time, the report is considered a published document and available for public review.

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Thank you,

Ryan Jajosky