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Dear [Redacted],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00370**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 13 August in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*We would like to request data about grant application scores please.*

*For the SMART grant application rounds:*

1. *The November 2020 round when the results were announced 26th March 2021*
2. *The January 2021 round when the results were announced 30th July 2021*

*For each of the above SMART grant application rounds, we would like to know the following please:*

1. *How many illegible applications*
2. *The threshold of successful score*
3. *The individual scores of each of the last 20 successful applications before the cut off successful score*
4. *The individual scores of each of the top 20 un-successful applications after the cut off successful score*

**Our response:**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Please note that:

**Stream 1:** Projects 18 months or less in duration, with total project cost of £500k or less

**Stream 2:** Projects either over 18 months in duration and/or £500k project costs

1. *How many illegible applications*

202 applications were considered ineligible for assessment for the Smart Grant November 2020 round and 286 applications were considered ineligible for assessment for the Smart Grant January 2021 round. Applications are not split by stream prior to being checked for eligibility status.

2. *The threshold of successful score*

| Stream   | Lowest scoring funded project (success threshold) |              |
|----------|---|--------------|
|          | November 2020                                     | January 2021 |
| Stream 1 | 82.8%   | 85.6%        |
| Stream 2 | 82.8%   | 87.4%        |

3. The individual scores of each of the last 20 successful applications before the cut off successful score
4. The individual scores of each of the top 20 un-successful applications after the cut off successful score

| 3. Successful Score (%) |          |              |          | 4. Unsuccessful Score (%) |          |              |          |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| November 2020           |          | January 2021 |          | November 2020             |          | January 2021 |          |
| Stream 1                | Stream 2 | Stream 1     | Stream 2 | Stream 1                  | Stream 2 | Stream 1     | Stream 2 |
| 83.8                    | 89.4     | 86.4         | 92.5     | 82.6                      | 82.4     | 85.4         | 87.2     |
| 83.8                    | 89.2     | 86.4         | 91.2     | 82.6                      | 82.4     | 85.4         | 87       |
| 83.6                    | 87.4     | 86.3         | 89       | 82.5                      | 82.4     | 85.4         | 86.8     |
| 83.6                    | 86.2     | 86.2         | 89       | 82.5                      | 82.2     | 85.4         | 86.8     |
| 83.6                    | 86       | 86.2         | 88.4     | 82.5                      | 82.2     | 85.2         | 86.4     |
| 83.6                    | 85.6     | 86.2         | 88.2     | 82.5                      | 81.8     | 85.2         | 86.3     |
| 83.5                    | 85       | 86.2         | 88       | 82.5                      | 81.6     | 85.2         | 86.2     |
| 83.5                    | 84.8     | 86           | 88       | 82.5                      | 81.5     | 85.2         | 86       |
| 83.4                    | 83.2     | 86           | 87.8     | 82.4                      | 81.5     | 85           | 85.8     |
| 83.4                    | 83       | 86           | 87.6     | 82.4                      | 81.4     | 85           | 85.8     |
| 83.2                    | 83       | 86           | 87.4     | 82.4                      | 81.2     | 84.8         | 85.6     |
| 83.2                    | 82.8     | 85.8         |          | 82.4                      | 80.6     | 84.8         | 85.4     |
| 83.2                    |          | 85.8         |          | 82.2                      | 80.6     | 84.8         | 85.2     |
| 83                      |          | 85.6         |          | 82.2                      | 80.4     | 84.8         | 85.2     |
| 83                      |          | 85.6         |          | 82.2                      | 79.8     | 84.8         | 85.2     |
| 83                      |          | 85.6         |          | 82.2                      | 79.8     | 84.6         | 84.8     |
| 82.8                    |          | 85.6         |          | 82                        | 79.6     | 84.6         | 84.6     |
| 82.8                    |          | 85.6         |          | 82                        | 79.6     | 84.6         | 84.4     |
| 82.8                    |          | 85.6         |          | 82                        | 79       | 84.6         | 84.4     |
| 82.8                    |          | 85.6         |          | 81.8                      | 78.8     | 84.6         | 84.4     |

Please note that for Stream 2 in both rounds there were fewer than 20 successful applications, therefore all scores have been provided.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

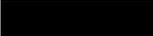
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If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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