



**UK Research
and Innovation**

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27 August 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00645

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted 28 July 2026 relating to the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) budget, where you requested a further breakdown of the information provided for previous request FOI2026/00102 (response sent 17 July).

We note this is now the third request for breakdowns of STFC finances covering much of the same period (2018/19 to 2025/26 and 2023 to 2026). The information requested in your second request directly relating to STFC budgets and costs, for information on energy costs for STFC Facilities and international subscriptions, FOI2026/00584, was provided on 11 August.

In this current request for a further breakdown of the information provided previously you have requested:

Your request:

Thank you for your response to FOI2026/00102, setting out the breakdown of the STFC budget from FY 2018-19 to FY 2025-26.

I would like to request a breakdown of 'STFC Grants Programme - Other' over the same period, specifically the amounts spent on Talent Fellowships, Studentships, innovation grants, and DSIT Managed Programmes including the Isambard AI and International Science Partnership Fund (ISPF).

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relating to your request. This is provided below this response in **FOI2026/00645 Annex 1, Table 1** - the breakdown of STFC budget Programme Area (Grants Other).

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response, please let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

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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 procedure](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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Table 1: Breakdown of STFC budget Programme Area (Grants Other), 2018-19 to 2025-26 (£m)*

	Financial Year								Total
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
Talent Fellowships	6.6	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.2	46.9
Talent Studentships	21.9	21.1	22.4	23.5	20.2	22.9	25.7	23.8	181.4
Innovation Grants	17.8	24.1	25.3	21.2	23.3	22.1	14.4	9.1	157.4
Isambard AI	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.0	156.7	46.0	278.7
ISPF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.2	5.9	8.8	18.0
Other	23.9	13.2	31.3	5.5	23.3	9.8	17.4	21.3	145.7
Total	70.2	64.8	85.4	56.1	72.3	139.4	226.0	114.1	828.2

* Figures have been rounded to the nearest £0.1m