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Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00652

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to request information relating to the Innovate UK competition: Funding competition: Future offshore wind technologies: industrial research

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2433/overview/4458acff-f0d2-4e2d-836c-c151ebd82a1d>

Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- 1. The total number of applications submitted.*
- 2. The total number of applications funded.*
- 3. The overall score distribution for all assessed applications (grouped by score bands).*
- 4. The score of the lowest-ranked application that was ultimately successful (i.e. the effective funding threshold for funding).*
- 5. Details of any formal minimum score threshold (in any) that applications were required to achieve in order to be considered for funding.*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information provided in the table on the following page.

This was a single competition with two strands, Strand 1 'Feasibility Studies' and Strand 2 'Industrial Research'. We have provided data for both strands as funding was allocated by combining the two.

Innovate UK used a portfolio approach when choosing which applications to fund in this competition. For more information, please see the 'Scope' tab of the [Competition webpage](https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2433/overview/4458acff-f0d2-4e2d-836c-c151ebd82a1d#scope).¹ The competition objective was to fund a variety of projects across different technologies, markets, strand, theme, technological maturities and location, as stated on the competition page on IFS. This means that there are some applications that did not get funded, despite scoring higher than the lowest-scoring funded application.

Section 40 – Personal Data

In preparing this response we have considered the risks of identifying individuals from small numbers, therefore, in line with standard statistical reporting practice, data has been suppressed to mitigate against the disclosure of personal data. Categories consisting of between one and four individuals have been suppressed as personal

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information under section 40(2) of the FOIA and are indicated by '< 5'. Where there are no members within a category, a count of zero is recorded. We consider that under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, this data would be exempt as it relates to fewer than five individuals. We believe that to disclose information relating to small numbers of individuals would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) of lawfulness, fairness and transparency.

Applications in some categories, as noted with an asterisk (*), have been rounded to the nearest value of five to obscure numbers and prevent identification of individuals.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

Table 1: Future offshore wind technologies competition strands

	Competition Strand 1 - “Future offshore wind technologies: feasibility studies”	Competition Strand 2 - “Future offshore wind technologies: industrial research”
1. Total number of applications submitted.	105*	48
2. Total number of applications funded.	15	11
3. Overall score distribution for all assessed applications (grouped by score bands).	90.0% to 99.9%: 0 80.0% to 89.9%: 16 70.0% to 79.9%: 43 60.0% to 69.9%: 26 50.0% to 59.9%: 6 40.0% to 49.9%: <5 Ineligible (unscored) applications: 15	90.0% to 99.9%: <5 80.0% to 89.9%: 10 70.0% to 79.9%: 30 60.0% to 69.9%: <5 50.0% to 59.9%: <5 40.0% to 49.9%: 0 Ineligible (unscored) applications: <5
4. Score of the lowest-ranked application that was successful.	74.7%	76.0%
5. Details of any formal minimum score threshold (in any) that applications were required to achieve in order to be considered for funding.	The Innovate UK minimum threshold for an application to be fundable is 70%, with no more than 1 assessor answering “no” to the question “Would you recommend this application for funding?”	

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do 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

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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: www.ico.org.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 procedure](#)².

Yours sincerely,


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² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>