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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00264**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 May in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I kindly request your assistance in providing me with the following information regarding Innovate UK Creative Catalyst 2023 scheme.*

1. *How many applications total were received?*
2. *How many were successful?*
3. *What was the highest score of the application awarded the benefits?*
4. *What was the lowest score of the application awarded the benefits?*
5. *In what score range does the most successful application fall?*
6. *What was the lowest amount of funding granted to a successful application?*
7. *How many assessors were to assess all the applications submitted?*
8. *Who were the panelist assessors?*
9. *What type of experience or educational background panelists had?*
10. *If you are able to share some of the panelist profiles?*

**Our response**

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

**1. How many applications total, were received?**

Total submitted	1,251
Total sent for assessment	1,233
Total that were not sent for assessment (ineligible)	18

**2. How many were successful?**

207

**3. What was the highest score of successful applications?**

95

**4. What was the lowest score of successful applications?**

70.3

**5. In what score range does the most successful application fall?**

Please see the table below:

Score	No. Applications
95-100	1
90-94	14
85-89	35
80-84	86
75-79	61
70-74	10
65-69	0
60-64	0

**6. What was the lowest amount of funding granted to a successful application?**

The lowest amount of funding requested by an applicant was £707. For the Creative Catalyst, applicants were able to seek a maximum of £50k grant funding with no minimum requirement requested. Each applicant is expected to justify their project costs in relation to the grant requested. Successful funding for the Creative catalyst is determined by the uniqueness, innovation, and value proposition each project offered and not determined by the “low” level of funding requested. All applicants for the Creative Catalyst will have varying levels of funding requested depending on their project needs (up to the maximum £50k limit), enabling them to successfully complete the project.

**7. How many assessors were to assess all the applications submitted?**

198.

**8. Who were the panellist assessors?**

**9. What type of experience or educational background panellists had?**

**10. If you are able to share some of the panellist profiles?**

For the remaining questions we are exempting the names and personal information of the panellist assessors under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information 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).

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

Before an assessor can assess for us, Innovate UK will verify their expertise and skills. Once verified they will become part of a pool of independent assessors, drawn from both business and academia, who are industry experts across all innovation areas. For this competition, assessors were chosen from our assessor pool according to relevant experience and expertise in creative industries.

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 within the next 40 working days:

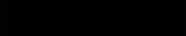
Head of Information Governance  
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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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](http://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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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