



19 March 2020

Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00061

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 02 March 2020 in which you requested the following:

Your request:

We would like to know, for both Smart Grant competitions since April 2019, the list of successful applications that were provisionally offered grant finance, their overall score as a percentage and the amount of grant they applied for.

Our response

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

In your request you have asked for a list of successful applicants and the amount of grant applied for in Innovate UK's Smart grant competitions since April 2019. The information you have requested for the Smart Grant April 2019 competition has already been published on Innovate UK's transparency data and can be found on the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

The information regarding subsequent Innovate UK Smart grant competitions is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to the organisations they fund is in the public interest. However, the data is still being processed and as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. However, the above link is updated on a monthly basis and the information you have requested will be available in due course.

Innovate UK do not release the individual scores of the applicants to their competitions. However, we can release the below statistical data regarding the scoring for the Smart grant competitions since April 2019.

Smart grant: April 2019 competition

Grant	Lowest scoring funded project	Highest scoring funded project	Highest scoring unfunded project
Strand 1	80.2	90.2	80
Strand 2	85.4	88.75	85.2

Smart grant: July 2019 competition

Grant	Lowest scoring funded project	Highest scoring funded project	Highest scoring unfunded project
Strand 1	80.25	88	80.2
Strand 2	84.2	91.8	84

Smart grant: October 2019 competition

Grant	Lowest scoring funded project	Highest scoring funded project	Highest scoring unfunded project
Strand 1	81.6	89.6	81.4
Strand 2	84	88.2	83.4

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

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

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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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely,


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