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8 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00209

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 12 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Many thanks again for your helpful email this morning.

Innovate UK's operations have expended and matured significantly since I last looked at these numbers which is excellent.

I have an important question though.

The numbers you have given me show large expenditures on grants to universities. The Innovate UK expenditure numbers in the UKRI Annual Report appear to exclude these (my assumption to make the two sources line up ; see attached spreadsheet).

So I presume that the £731m in grants to universities in 2022/23 relates to grants AWARDED by Innovate UK, but funded from other research councils within UKRI.

Could you confirm if this is correct?

I further presume that the funding to universities covers their participation in collaborative R&D grants with companies and other institutions. Again could you confirm if this is the case?

The role of collaborative R&D grants is an important part of the policy picture so I would like to ask if you could provide an additional analysis:

Total Innovate UK expenditure on CR&D grants

Value of these grants to companies

Value of these grants to Catapults

Value of these grants to universities

Value of these grants to RTOs

I presume you also have an existing measure of Innovate UK financial support to SMEs and large companies separately . Could you provide this if it is available please?

Further to my earlier emails, I had not appreciated that the funding managed on behalf of other government departments by Innovate UK was so large.

So please could you provide a breakdown of the total figure of £575,540,099 by the same headings as the breakdown of the £2318m of Innovate UK awards already provided in your response to my original FOI request.

Our response

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

In relation to your questions regarding funding to universities and the data provided in FOI2024/00109, Innovate UK is responsible for the £731m funding to universities in 2022/23. The figure represents the grant awarded in 22/23 not the grant delivered. A significant factor in the amount of grant going to Universities is the onboarding of the Horizon programme. In terms of collaborative R&D, the grant will for the most part form a university's contribution to a collaborative project although there are some circumstances where a university can be a single partner.

The data requested is provided in the tables below.

Table 1: Total Innovate UK expenditure on CR&D grants

Breakdown of Collaborative R&D grants	Collaborative Participants	Grant Awarded
ACADEMIC	587	£145,947,559.56
BUSINESS	1969	£548,301,491.25
CATAPULT	81	£57,168,600.68
RTO	95	£14,751,775.77
Grand Total	2732	£766,169,427.26

Table 2: Innovate UK financial support to SMEs and large companies (CR&D)

Collaborative R&D grants to companies	Collaborative Participants	Grant Awarded
LARGE	460	£177,191,351.25
SME	1509	£371,110,140.00
Grand Total	1969	£548,301,491.25

Table 3: Total Innovate UK financial support to SMEs and large companies

R&D grants to companies	Participants	Grant Awarded
LARGE	603	£337,002,062.32
SME	3481	£797,900,683.24
Grand Total	4084	£1,134,902,745.56

Table 4: Funding Managed on behalf of other Government Departments by Innovate UK

Breakdown by Heading	IUK Managed Programmes Funding Awarded
Core Funding to Catapults	£3,891,800
R&D Grants to Catapult	£27,564,786
R&D grants to charities	£12,142
R&D grants to companies	£449,674,831
R&D grants to Public Sector	£9,387,645

R&D grants to Research Technology Organisations	£13,612,201
R&D grants to universities	£77,892,139
Grand Total	£582,035,544

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Head of Information Governance


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Yours sincerely,


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