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11 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00107

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

Your request:

Number of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller students who received UKRI funded PhD studentships per year for the last 5 years.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does not hold any information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Data on PhD studentship ethnicity is collected by research organisations and reported to UKRI. The data that is reported does not include a specific category that records whether an individual considers themselves to be of Gypsy, Roma or Traveller status.

We would expect individuals who identify with these groups to select one of the available 'Other' categories when recording ethnicity, however, there is no way to distinguish these groups from other individuals who may also choose these ethnicity options.

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](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>


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