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26 November 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/01035**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 4 November in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*For the period March 2020 - November 2024:*

- 1) the number of projects across all schemes submitted to AHRC that had the primary subject designation of Drama and Theatre Studies*
- 2) of those projects, the % success rate across all schemes (i.e. of projects submitted as Drama and Theatre Studies led what percentage were successful in securing funding)*

**Our response**

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

*1) "The number of projects across all schemes submitted to AHRC that had the primary subject designation of Drama and Theatre Studies"*

Out of 6,798 applications submitted with a primary classification, 218 had a primary subject designation of Drama and Theatre Studies.

*2) "Of those projects, the % success rate across all schemes (i.e. of projects submitted as Drama and Theatre Studies led what percentage were successful in securing funding)"*

26.32% of Drama and Theatre studies with a recorded outcome submitted to a competitive funding opportunity were successful.

Please note the following caveats apply to the information provided:

- The data includes any awards submitted to a funding opportunity administered by AHRC.
- 2,153 applications were submitted via The Funding Service (TFS); their primary classification was captured through a free text field, and their primary subject designation was determined by a text search of either the word Drama or Theatre. Due to the transition to TFS and changes in UKRI classification processes there were a further 1,853 applications received in this period, where we do not have a designated primary classification available.
- From the dataset there are 1,650 applications submitted with a primary classification that are yet to receive an outcome. These have been removed from the success rate calculation. Any non-competitive funding opportunities or funding opportunities where all outcomes haven't been delivered yet were also removed from the success rate calculation.

- The data excludes any new grants submitted as part of a transfer of institution.

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](mailto: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](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 procedure](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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