



[REDACTED]

19 August 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00263**

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

**Your request:**

*For Innovate UK's Smart Grants January 2021 competition (both the <18 month [<£500k] and >18 month streams), please could you release the following information:*

*The number of applications.*

*The number of assessed applications.*

*The number of successful applications.*

*The success rate.*

*The minimum successful score.*

*The maximum successful score.*

*Maximum score of failed applications.*

*Average grant fund value per project.*

*Average score of funded projects.*

*The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).*

*The count of assessed applications by innovation area.*

*The count of successful projects by innovation area for each strand.*

*The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development).*

*The count of successful projects by research category.*

*The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*

## Our response:

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

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested is already available in the public domain. This takes the form of several responses to previously submitted FOI requests seeking information on Innovate UK's Smart Grant January 2021 competition:

- [FOI2021/00350](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [FOI2021/00352](#)<sup>2</sup>
- [FOI2021/00377](#)<sup>3</sup>
- [FOI2021/00409](#)<sup>4</sup>
- [FOI2021/00520](#)<sup>5</sup>

UKRI actively publish information on the FOI requests that are received. Copies of these requests and our responses are available on the links provided.

UKRI's FOI disclosure log contains the responses to all FOI requests from December 2019 to June 2022, including a large number of requests covering all Smart Grant competitions since the April 2019 iteration.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

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

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org) or [infogovernance@ukri.org](mailto:infogovernance@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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/844d67d0-7e47-4daa-9f09-0a19e12c042b>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/1d677b1b-22e3-4fc0-8e34-c39bc3367645>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/9bc90ff5-6129-4eb0-8cb3-def811a9f894>

<sup>4</sup> <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/865a446d-b3b9-415b-b342-e08b910bd061>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/1882a511-f8f1-4054-8566-bb4d4a4e0a00>