



17 October 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00879

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For the period 2018 - September 2024 a breakdown of:

1) Total percentage of applications submitted to the AHRC by "Discipline Classification – Primary" across all AHRC schemes (i.e. what percentage of total applications came from each primary discipline as delineated by the AHRC?)*

2) Total percentage of successful bids funded by the AHRC by "Discipline Classification – Primary" across all AHRC schemes (i.e. of the bids funded, what percentage came from what primary disciplines?)*

3) Average grant size (£ FEC) of awarded bids by "Discipline Classification – Primary" across all AHRC schemes (i.e. when successful, what is the average amount awarded broken down by primary discipline?)*

** If the data cannot be provided as totals 'across all schemes' then please provide scheme by scheme for the same dates.*

Our response

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

Please note that this data relates to AHRC funding applications which have a decision date between 2018 and September 2024 which have a primary classification and a fund amount attached. Due to the transition to both a harmonised UKRI data source and The Funding Service there are some issues of data quality and completeness, though for the time period of this data the impact should be minimal.

1) Total percentage of applications submitted to the AHRC by "Discipline Classification – Primary" across all AHRC schemes* (i.e. what percentage of total applications came from each primary discipline as delineated by the AHRC?)

Primary Subject	Percentage of Applications
Agri-environmental science	0.22%
Animal science	0.01%
Archaeology	3.78%
Area Studies	1.49%
Bioengineering	0.01%
Civil eng. & built environment	0.14%

Classics	0.84%
Climate & climate change	0.47%
Complexity science	0.03%
Cultural & museum studies	10.55%
Dance	1.08%
Demography	0.01%
Design	5.68%
Development studies	3.50%
Drama & theatre studies	3.07%
Ecol, biodivers. & systematics	0.05%
Economics	0.15%
Education	1.38%
Energy	0.03%
Environmental engineering	0.01%
Environmental planning	0.45%
Facility Development	0.01%
Food science & nutrition	0.12%
History	14.70%
Human Geography	1.80%
Info. & commun. Technol.	1.62%
Languages & Literature	10.14%
Law & legal studies	3.73%
Library & information studies	1.58%
Linguistics	2.47%
Management & business studies	0.62%
Manufacturing	0.01%
Materials processing	0.01%
Mechanical engineering	0.03%
Media	5.12%
Medical & health interface	0.53%
Music	4.40%
Philosophy	3.44%
Pol. sci. & internat. studies	1.96%
Pollution, waste & resources	0.01%
Psychology	0.51%
Science and Technology Studies	0.23%
Social anthropology	0.77%
Social policy	0.80%
Social work	0.16%
Sociology	1.89%
Systems engineering	0.03%
Terrest. & freshwater environ.	0.01%
Theology, divinity & religion	1.49%

Tools, technologies & methods	0.35%
Visual arts	8.52%

2) Total percentage of successful bids funded by the AHRC by “Discipline Classification – Primary” across all AHRC schemes* (i.e. of the bids funded, what percentage came from what primary disciplines?)

Primary Subject	Percentage of Awards
Agri-environmental science	0.20%
Archaeology	5.12%
Area Studies	1.30%
Civil eng. & built environment	0.24%
Classics	0.91%
Climate & climate change	0.39%
Cultural & museum studies	12.92%
Dance	0.95%
Design	5.24%
Development studies	3.55%
Drama & theatre studies	2.84%
Ecol, biodivers. & systematics	0.08%
Economics	0.28%
Education	1.14%
Energy	0.08%
Environmental engineering	0.04%
Environmental planning	0.39%
Food science & nutrition	0.04%
History	17.89%
Human Geography	1.46%
Info. & commun. Technol.	1.62%
Languages & Literature	11.43%
Law & legal studies	2.84%
Library & information studies	1.89%
Linguistics	2.32%
Management & business studies	0.51%
Mechanical engineering	0.08%
Media	3.43%
Medical & health interface	0.47%
Music	3.59%
Philosophy	2.05%
Pol. sci. & internat. studies	1.26%
Psychology	0.28%
Science and Technology Studies	0.32%
Social anthropology	0.59%
Social policy	0.79%

Social work	0.12%
Sociology	1.06%
Systems engineering	0.04%
Theology, divinity & religion	1.18%
Tools, technologies & methods	0.32%
Visual arts	8.79%

3) Average grant size (£ FEC) of awarded bids by “Discipline Classification – Primary” across all AHRC schemes* (i.e. when successful, what is the average amount awarded broken down by primary discipline?)

Primary Subject	Average FEC of Awards
Agri-environmental science	£ 527,057.09
Archaeology	£ 328,624.05
Area Studies	£ 215,656.80
Civil eng. & built environment	£ 122,827.05
Classics	£ 300,173.94
Climate & climate change	£ 115,591.96
Cultural & museum studies	£ 325,720.50
Dance	£ 120,157.85
Design	£ 538,593.67
Development studies	£ 607,024.90
Drama & theatre studies	£ 280,255.03
Ecol, biodivers. & systematics	£ 435,802.11
Economics	£ 316,822.36
Education	£ 632,027.74
Energy	£ 50,276.88
Environmental engineering	£ 20,000.00
Environmental planning	£ 434,623.68
Food science & nutrition	£ 199,739.00
History	£ 204,479.94
Human Geography	£ 201,012.10
Info. & commun. Technol.	£ 1,008,326.54
Languages & Literature	£ 212,596.24
Law & legal studies	£ 384,475.29
Library & information studies	£ 538,083.12
Linguistics	£ 348,430.01
Management & business studies	£ 1,311,642.14
Mechanical engineering	£ 133,455.08
Media	£ 962,823.26
Medical & health interface	£ 205,479.81
Music	£ 221,851.12
Philosophy	£ 372,311.56
Pol. sci. & internat. studies	£ 508,846.49
Psychology	£ 248,549.37

Science and Technology Studies	£	120,166.83
Social anthropology	£	108,330.16
Social policy	£	245,379.11
Social work	£	408,186.48
Sociology	£	155,133.97
Systems engineering	£	20,000.00
Theology, divinity & religion	£	308,573.45
Tools, technologies & methods	£	427,312.29
Visual arts	£	233,693.40

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 within the next 40 working days:

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 policy](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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