UK Research and Innovation

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29 September 2026

Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00840

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 16 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

This is a follow up request to FOI2026/00749.

We therefore require meaningful information showing:

1. *The precise period covered by the application figures you have supplied.*
2. *The total number of applications received during that period.*
3. *The number and percentage of applications submitted by universities.*
4. *The number and percentage submitted by private companies.*
5. *The number and percentage submitted by other types of organisations, with those organisations categorised.*
6. *The number and percentage of successful applications within each of those categories.*
7. *The amount of funding awarded to each category of organisation.*

Our response:

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

Question	Answer
1. The precise period covered by the application figures you have supplied.	6 June - 20 August 2026
2. The total number of applications received during that period.	284
3. The number and percentage of applications submitted by universities.	0 (0%)
4. The number and percentage submitted by private companies.	284 (100%)
5. The number and percentage submitted by other types of organisations.	0 (0%)

Please note that the Innovate UK Innovation Loans Programme offers loan funding only to UK-registered micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Universities and other types of organisations are therefore not eligible to apply. Further information about the Innovation Loans Programme is available here[1].

6. *The number and percentage of successful applications within each of those categories.*
7. The amount of funding awarded to each category of organisation.

This information is not held. Innovation Loans are not awarded at the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage, and no loans are distributed at that point. The EOI is used solely to assess whether a business is eligible and suitable to submit a full application. Businesses invited to progress must then submit a full application, which is assessed

[1] https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/programme/innovation-loans/

independently of the EOI. As noted in our response to FOI2026/00749, 60 of these 284 EOIs were invited to progress and submit a full application.

Your rights

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[2].

Yours sincerely,

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[2] https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target