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14 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00442

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 May in which you requested the following:

Your request:

The Gendered Organisational Practice (GOP) research cluster would like to submit a freedom of information request regarding the following research project:

[Review of data, statistics and research on sex and gender | IOE - Faculty of Education and Society - UCL - University College London](#)¹

Specifically, we would like to receive answers to the following questions, electronically, via email:

- 1. Where, when and how was the invitation to apply to do the research shared?*
- 2. How was the application process handled?*
- 3. How many teams applied?*
- 4. How much time passed between the call being advertised and the research team being selected?*
- 5. Can you explain the timeline for the research itself?*

Our response

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

- 1. Where, when and how was the invitation to apply to do the research shared?*

The research was commissioned by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) with a [public notice](#)² published on 29 February 2024. The public notice states that the review will be led by Professor Alice Sullivan of University College London (UCL). The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) received a request from UCL to fund the study on 27 November 2023. Further information on this research is available on the [UCL website](#)³.

As this information is in the public domain, we consider that Section 21 of the FOIA - Information already reasonably accessible, would apply and have provided the relevant links above. Section 21 is an absolute

¹ [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-longitudinal-studies/review-data-statistics-and-research-sex-and-gender#:~:text=This%20research%20project%20will%20explore,Social%20Research%20Council%20\(ESRC\)](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-longitudinal-studies/review-data-statistics-and-research-sex-and-gender#:~:text=This%20research%20project%20will%20explore,Social%20Research%20Council%20(ESRC))

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-data-statistics-and-research-on-sex-and-gender/review-of-data-statistics-and-research-on-sex-and-gender-terms-of-reference>

³ <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-longitudinal-studies/review-data-statistics-and-research-sex-and-gender>

exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

2. How was the application process handled?

ESRC received a request from UCL to fund the study on 27 November 2023. After an internal and external expert review process organised by ESRC, ESRC informed UCL on 6 December 2023 that UCL's ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) was the most appropriate route to consider supporting this research and an uplift was provided. The proposal was deemed consistent with the aims of ESRC IAA awards, which are made to Research Organisations and used to help researchers collaborate with communities, businesses, and policy makers. Under the terms of ESRC's IAA awards, final decision making is devolved to the Research Organisation in receipt of the award. On 12th February 2024, UCL confirmed to ESRC that they had concluded their review process under the terms of their IAA.

3. How many teams applied?

N/A

4. How much time passed between the call being advertised and the research team being selected?

Please see response under question 2 above.

5. Can you explain the timeline for the research itself?

This is a six-month research project from 1 March 2024. Information on the [ESRC IAA](#)⁴ is available on Gateway to Research.

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](#)⁵.

Yours sincerely,


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⁴ <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=ES%2FX004627%2F1#/tabOverview>

⁵ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>