



[REDACTED]

23 November 2020

[REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00348**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 October in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

[REDACTED]

*Please my I request data from BBSRC that shows University of Bristol BBSRC New Investigators outcomes. I would like the principal investigator names that are both successful and unsuccessful in the past 10 years (2020 to 2010).*

*Would this be possible free of charge?*

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. Under Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible, of the FOIA some of the information you have requested is already available in the public domain. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) publishes outcomes for each grants round for data from 2017 onwards on its website [here](#).<sup>1</sup> BBSRC also publishes principal investigator names for successful applications at the same [link](#).<sup>2</sup>

If you require more detail on these, abstracts for each of the funded New Investigator awards from the University of Bristol during this period are available from [Gateway to Research](#)<sup>3</sup> (GtR) (please see the table below). The GtR entries also provides details of any publications and outcomes (where available) relating to these awards, which you may find useful:

GrantReference	Link to GtR	Project Title
BB/I005811/2	<a href="https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I005811/2">https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I005811/2</a>	Post-translational regulation of cell physiology by the circadian clock
BB/I006478/1	<a href="https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I006478/1">https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I006478/1</a>	Structure and mechanism of a trans-acyltransferase polyketide synthase
BB/I00713X/1	<a href="https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I00713X/1">https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I00713X/1</a>	Development of a Systems Biology for Bordetella pertussis Metabolism

<sup>1</sup> <https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/post-application/awarded-grants/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/post-application/awarded-grants/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://gtr.ukri.org/>

BB/I014063/1	<a href="https://qtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I014063/1">https://qtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/I014063/1</a>	Assembly of Artificial Oxidoreductases
BB/P006957/2	<a href="https://qtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/P006957/2">https://qtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=BB/P006957/2</a>	The role of different midbrain dopamine neuron populations in signalling reward and cost

Please note that BBSRC does not publish names/organisations of any unsuccessful grant applications. Regarding principal investigator names that are unsuccessful in the last 10 years, as applications are submitted in confidence, we consider principal investigator names for unsuccessful applicants are exempt under Section 41 of the FOIA.

To explain further, applicants submit their proposals in confidence with the understanding that details of their application, including their scores will remain confidential. If released we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidence.

As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

We are also exempting the principal investigator names under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) exempts personal information such as names of individuals from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

[REDACTED]

Further BBSRC publishes information on application success rates [here](#)<sup>4</sup>."

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: <http://www.ico.gov.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,

[REDACTED]  
Information Governance  
Information Rights Team

<sup>4</sup> <https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/post-application/success-rates/>

UK Research and Innovation  
foi@ukri.org | dataprotection@ukri.org