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11 December 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00805

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

Your request:

I write to submit a freedom of information request in relation to the Innovate UK Unlocking Potential Award (Begin strand) for the 2023 competition.

Please disclose an Excel spreadsheet with rows for each applicant in the competition (anonymized) and columns for: (1) the scores given to each applicant for each of the scored questions, (2) the overall score for each applicant, and (3) whether that applicant was successful.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am not requesting any identifying information about any applicants - I would only like to know the relevant scores.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached in "FOI2023_00805 Annex 1".

Questions 10 to 14 of applications for the [Innovate UK Unlocking Potential Award 2023 \(Begin strand\)](#)¹ were scored out of 10 by each assessor. The scores in columns B to F of the attached spreadsheet indicate the average score provided by all assessors for each question, per application.

Due to the nature of this competition, scores were weighted to reflect the needs of the funding decision. As was indicated in the application guidance, question 10 was weighted to account for 30% of the total score, with the remaining four questions weighted at 17.5% each.

Taking this weighting into account, as well as any outlier scores that were removed, the 'Final Application Score % (adjusted for weighting)' (column H) for each application is the score that was used in considering final funding decisions. Applications have been split into successful and unsuccessful groupings, as indicated on the relevant tabs.

Please note, in making the final funding decisions, a regional portfolio approach was also taken for this competition.

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

¹ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1658/overview/99ab941a-e2e5-440e-92e0-054274d53c63>

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: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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