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16 September 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00398

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

Your request:

We are looking for the list of grants given to British space companies for R&D expenses by UKRI's research councils and innovate UK. We are specifically interested in the 2014-2020 period.

Would it be possible for you to extract such a list, and if so, would it be possible to include :

- 1.Name of the grantee*
- 2.Name of the funding council (Innovate UK, STFC,...)*
- 3.Name of funding programme*
- 4.Nature of activities funded*
- 5.Funding amount in £*
- 6.Date of grant awarded*

As for the format, an Excel (.xls) document would be perfect.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

Under Section 21 of the FOIA - Information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested is already available in the public domain.

UKRI have a publicly accessible system, [Gateway to Research](https://gtr.ukri.org/)¹, that enables users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research. It includes information about projects supported by all seven Research Councils, Innovate UK and NC3Rs and can be filtered by key terms, funder and start year.

Search terms such as the name of the British space company you are interested in can be entered in the search bar, with results spanning back to your desired time frame of 2014 to 2020. You can filter the results using the options on the right-hand side bar (such as by year, funder, region etc) or below the search bar. To export this data to a CSV file, click on CSV. This will download a CSV document where you can search for the information you have requested.

Further information on how to search on Gateway to Research is available [here](#)².

Innovate UK also publishes information on all its funded projects and we would advise you to search for the projects you are interested in at this [link](#)³.

¹ <https://gtr.ukri.org/>

² <https://gtr.ukri.org/resources/about-search.html>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

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 or 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,


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