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24 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00488

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests received on the 9 November in which you requested the following:

Your request:

2 requests amalgamated:

This is a Freedom of Information (Fol) request for

- *Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2021: early and late stage awards [Link](#)¹*
- *Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2020: round 1, early and late stage awards [Link](#)²*

Please could you release the following information:

1. *The number of applications.*
2. *The number of assessed applications*
3. *The number of successful applications*
4. *The success rate*
5. *The minimum successful score*
6. *The maximum successful score*
7. *Maximum score of failed applications*
8. *Average grant fund value of funded projects*
9. *Average score of funded projects*
10. *The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100)*
11. *The count of assessed applications by innovation area*
12. *The count of successful projects by innovation area*
13. *The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development)*
14. *The count of successful projects by research category*
15. *The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*

Clarification received on 11 November 2021 (in relation to question 10)

Responding to your question, please can you provide the data based on the written assessment

Our response

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

¹ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/922/overview>

² <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/623/overview#summary>

Table 1: Questions 1-9

Question	Biomedical Catalyst 2020	Biomedical Catalyst 2021
1. The number of applications	373	311
2. The number of assessed applications	373	302
3. The number of successful applications	18	N/A
4. The success rate	4.82%	N/A
5. The minimum successful score	60% (interview score)	N/A
6. The maximum successful score	91.6% (interview score)	N/A
7. Maximum score of failed applications	56.4% (interview score)	N/A
8. Average grant fund value of funded projects	£1,515,939	N/A
9. Average score of funded projects	75.7% (interview score)	N/A

Information in relation to questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, for Biomedical Catalyst 2021 is not yet available because the competition has not concluded.

10. The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).

Table 2: Score distributions of the applications

Score Distribution	Biomedical Catalyst 2020	Biomedical Catalyst 2021
<70	146	89
70.1 - 75	61	64
75.1 - 80	81	71
80.1 - 85	65	58
85.1 - 90	18	19
90.1 - 95	2	1
95.1 - 100	0	0

The above is based on written assessment scores. Please note however that, as stated in the competition brief, interview assessment and scoring always override written scores.

11. The count of assessed applications by innovation area.

12. The count of successful projects by innovation area.

Table 3: Information in relation to questions 11 and 12

	Biomedical Catalyst 2020 – Count of assessed applications by innovation area	Biomedical Catalyst 2020 – Count of successful projects by innovation area	Biomedical Catalyst 2021 – Count of assessed applications by innovation area (written assessment)
Advanced Therapies:	22	1	
Biosciences:	10	0	
Diagnostics, medical	1	0	
Diagnostics, medical technology and devices:	153	7	195
Digital health:	70	1	
Independent living and wellbeing	6	0	
Precision medicine	19	1	23
Preclinical technologies and drug target discovery	10	0	12
Therapeutic and medicine development	77	8	61
No Area listed	5	0	11

Information in relation to question 12 'count of successful projects by innovation area' is not yet available for the Biomedical Catalyst 2021 as the competition has not yet concluded.

13. The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development).

14. The count of successful projects by research category.

Table 4: Information in relation to questions 13 and 14

Research Category	Biomedical Catalyst 2020 - count of assessed applications by research category	Biomedical Catalyst 2020 - count of successful projects by research category	Biomedical Catalyst 2021 - count of assessed applications by research category
Feasibility studies	69	2	N/A
Industrial Research	304	16	282
Experimental development	N/A	N/A	20

Figures for Biomedical Catalyst 2021 are based on written assessment. Information for question 14 'the count of successful projects by research category' for Biomedical Catalyst 2021 is not available as the competition has not yet concluded.

15. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.

Information for the Biomedical Catalyst 2021 is not available as the competition has not yet concluded. Based on interview scores only for Biomedical Catalyst 2020 there were no unsuccessful applications which scored above the minimum funded score.

The written assessments for the Biomedical Catalyst 2021 competition were recently completed and the relevant information for the 2021 Competition has been provided. The final decision for this competition is not based on the written assessment, it is based on the interview panel scores.

The highest scoring applications from the written assessment are chosen based on the portfolio review outlined in the brief and taken through to a panel. The final interview panel for the 2021 competition is being held on 22 November 2021, after which we will have the final funding decision. Information on how many applications have been funded will be available following the funders panel that is due to take place on 25 November.

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Yours sincerely,



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