UK Research and Innovation

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1 October 2026

Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00644

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 28 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For Contracts for Innovation: Enabling Commercial Quantum Networking competition, please could you release the following information:

1. *The number of applications*
2. *The number of assessed applications*
3. *The number of applications invited to the interview stage*
4. *The number of successful applications*
5. *The success rate*
6. *The minimum successful score*
7. *The maximum successful score*
8. *Average grant fund value per project*
9. *Average score of funded projects*
10. *Names of the winning companies*

Our response

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

1. The number of applications (accepted, rejected, not applicable informed)	54
2. The number of assessed applications (accepted, rejected)	43
3. The number of applications invited to the interview stage	20
4. The number of successful applications (accepted)	7
5. The success rate	16.28%
6. The minimum successful score (accepted)	73.8%
7. The maximum successful score (accepted)	88.6%
8. Average grant fund value per project (accepted, rejected, not applicable informed)	£2,188,556
9. Average score of funded projects (accepted)	82.4%

For question 10, where you have requested the names of the winning companies, the information requested is intended for future publication and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA; successful

and confirmed awards are available in the public domain from Innovate UK's Transparency Data[1]. The requested information is expected to be published in early November 2026.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regards to our competitions is in the public interest, however, we consider that premature release would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of our scheduled timeframes which would lead to a disproportionate burden on the organisation. This would not be in the public interest.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

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 procedure[2].

Yours sincerely,

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[1] https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/
[2] https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target