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28 August 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00683

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For Innovate UK's DRIVE35 Scale-up Fund: 3rd submission round, 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) *The maximum score of failed applications.*
- 8) *Average grant fund value per project.*
- 9) *Average score of funded projects.*
- 10) *The number of successful projects led by SMEs.*
- 11) *The number of successful projects led by large organisations.*
- 12) *The number of successful projects that were single applicant.*
- 13) *The number of successful projects that were consortia led.*
- 14) *Average number of partners within consortiums for successful applications.*
- 15) *The number of successful projects by research category (industrial research and experimental development).*
- 16) *The number of successful projects at pilot scale.*
- 17) *The number of successful projects at demonstration scale.*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold the information requested.

Please see the table provided on the next page.

Section 40 – Personal Data

In preparing this response we have considered the risks of identifying individuals. Therefore, in line with standard statistical reporting practice and our suppression policy, only minimum and maximum score bands have been provided. More detailed information is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOIA as its disclosure would risk identifying individuals and would be contrary to the data protection principles set out in the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) of lawfulness, fairness and transparency. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

Table 1: DRIVE35 Scale-up Fund - Third submission round

1. Number of applications received	7
2. Number of assessed applications	6
3. Number of successful applications	2
4. Success rate	33% (based on assessed applications)
5. Minimum successful score	70-79%
6. Maximum successful score	70-79%
7. Maximum score of failed applications.	58.6%
8. Average grant fund value per project	£3,015,917
9. Average score of funded projects	74.5%
10. Number of successful projects led by SMEs	2
11. Number of successful projects led by large organisations.	0
12. Number of successful projects that were single applicant.	2
13. Number of successful projects that were consortia led.	0
14. Average number of partners within consortiums for successful applications.	0 - Both projects are single entity
15. Number of successful projects by research category (industrial research and experimental development).	1 industrial research, 1 experimental development
16. Number of successful projects at pilot scale.	0
17. Number of successful projects at demonstration scale.	2

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](#)¹.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Yours sincerely,

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