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13 May 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00320**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 April in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*For Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D small projects competition, please could you release the following information:*

1. *The number of applications submitted.*
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. *The average grant fund value per project.*
9. *The average score of funded projects.*
10. *The count of assessed applications by research category (industrial research, experimental development).*
11. *The count of successful projects by research category.*
12. *The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*
13. *The split between single applicants and consortiums for successful applications.*
14. *For consortium-led projects, the average number of partners within consortiums for successful applications.*

**Our response**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information you have requested in **Annex 1** at the end of this letter.

Please note that in its competitions, Innovate UK reserves the right to apply a [portfolio approach](#)<sup>1</sup> to ensure that a balance of funding is allocated across the strategic areas of the competition. This means we may apply funding decisions that do not solely rely on the performance in an innovation assessment.

**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](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?\\_ga=2.190465129.332565491.1669117885-1377575460.1637579844#portfolio](https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?_ga=2.190465129.332565491.1669117885-1377575460.1637579844#portfolio)

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](http://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](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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## Annex 1 - Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D small projects competition

Question number	Question	Answer
1	The number of submitted applications	654
2	The number of assessed applications.	597
3	The number of successful applications	36
4	The success rate	6%
5	The minimum successful score	83.2%
6	The maximum successful score	91.6%
7	The maximum score of failed applications	84.4%
8	The average grant fund value per project	£393,390.8
9	The average score of funded projects	86.1%
10	The count of assessed applications by research category (industrial research, experimental development)	Experimental Design - 69 Industrial Research – 528
11	The count of successful projects by research category	Experimental Design - 1 Industrial Research - 35
12	The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score	23
13	The split between single applicants and consortiums for successful applications	Single applicant – 24 Two party consortium – 9 Three party consortium - 2
14	For consortium-led projects, the average number of partners within consortiums for successful applications	1.4