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8 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00199**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 March in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Further to the FOI reports that you have previously provided me with, would you be kind enough to update the Excel spreadsheet to include all competitions up to the present day. For your information, our most recent chain of correspondence, including the details of my initial request are provided below.*

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request an update to [the data included in response to] my previous FOI request (Reference: FOI2020/00143) for the following information for every grant funding competition offered or managed by Innovate UK from 1 April 2015 to the present day. For each competition individually, please provide the following information:*

- *The name of the competition and the funding round*
- *The competition opening date*
- *The financial year in which the competition was offered*
- *The total number of applications received for the competition*
- *The total number of successful applications for the competition*
- *The number of applications receiving a mark of 70 to 79 inclusive*
- *The number of applications receiving a mark of 70 to 79 that were successful*
- *The number of applications receiving a mark of 80 or above*
- *The number of applications receiving a mark of 80 or above that were successful*
- *And for each competition, the lowest mark achieved for a successful application*

*Please provide the information in Excel spreadsheet format.*

**Our response:**

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

Please see the information you have requested attached separately in “FOI2024\_00199 Annex A”.

In regard to the data in the attached please note that:

- The table sent to you in response to your previous request (FOI2021/00020) has been updated to include competitions that have completed the assessment and funders panel process for every grant funding competition offered or managed by Innovate UK with funding commitments from 1 April 2015 to 22 March 2024 where a funding decision is available. These have been added to the bottom of the table and are highlighted.

- Some competitions were not scored out of 100; where possible these scores have been adjusted to give a score out of 100.
- Some competitions were not given an assessment score, in these cases the score related metrics have been left blank.
- For competitions where there is only a single successful applicant, we are exempting the lowest score information under Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence.

### **Section 41(1) - Information provided in confidence**

We have determined that some of the information you have requested falls under Section 41(1) of the FOIA, information provided in confidence. To explain further, companies apply to Innovate UK in confidence and with the expectation that their bid information, including their application and resulting score, will be kept in confidence. If the information was released, we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidentiality for the applicant.

As this exemption is absolute 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 within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto: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](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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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