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22 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00273

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I kindly ask for the following information for a research project:

With regards to applications that you received to your IRF scheme and Doctoral funding schemes in the years 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2022, specifically those project applications that involved palaeontology research:

- a) *What proportion of these applications include a fieldwork component, and,*
- b) *What proportion of funded palaeontology projects include fieldwork in their proposal.*

Our response

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

Table 1:

Year	% proportion to nearest whole number of paleontology <u>applications</u> with a fieldwork component	% proportion to nearest whole number of paleontology <u>funded awards</u> with a fieldwork component
2014	22	40
2015	33	33
2018	27	0
2022	38	75

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:

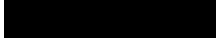
Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

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.

Yours sincerely,


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