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4 January 2022

Dear [Redacted],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00506**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 26 November in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am looking to find out the success rate for applications submitted to AHRC & ESRC by UK institutions involving collaborators overseas, from 2019 to present.*

**Our response:**

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

Please note that due to the differences in data that is recorded on each Research Council's applications, the definitions used to determine "collaborators overseas" vary and are detailed below for each dataset.

**Table 1: AHRC**

Status	Total Applications Submitted	% Applications
Authorised	306	32.66%
Rejected	631	67.34%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

All applications received by AHRC since 1 January 2019 where the lead Research Organisation (RO) was based in the UK that had a project partner listed from somewhere other than the UK, excluding any transferred grants.

**Table 2: ESRC**

Status	Total Applications Submitted	% Applications
Authorised	264	20.09%
Rejected	1050	79.91%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

All applications received by ESRC since 1 January 2019 where the lead RO was based in the UK and had at least one international collaborator (in Principle Investigator, Co-Investigator, Fellow or Research Co-Investigator roles) or international project partner, excluding any transferred grants.

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:

Head of Information Governance

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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: <http://www.ico.gov.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/>

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