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10 August 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00581

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 10 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I'm making a request relating to the UKRI funding opportunity 'Fundamental AI Research Lab',

I request the following information:

- How many organizations submitted an 'intent to apply' for this funding*
- How many applicants made a full application for the funding*
- How many applicants were interviewed in the assessment process*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request. This is information held by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

For the Fundamental AI Research Lab funding opportunity:

- EPSRC received 26 eligible 'Intent to Apply' submissions from 23 Lead Organisations. The difference in the two figures reflects that a small number of organisations submitted more than one Intent to Apply.
- 14 full applications were subsequently submitted by Project Leads.
- 7 Project Leads were invited to interview as part of the assessment process.

For clarity, we have interpreted:

- 'Organisations' as the Lead Organisation named on an application.
- 'Applicants' as the Project Lead associated with an application.

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