



[REDACTED]

7 May 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00221**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 20 April in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I would like to request the following information held by UKRI (Innovate UK):*

1. How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst were received in 2020/21?
2. How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst in 2020/21 scored over 70%?
3. How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst in 2020/21 received funding?
4. What score threshold was required for applications to receive funding in 2020/21?
5. What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in 2020/21?

**Our response**

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

1. **How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst were received in 2020/21?**  
374 eligible applications were received.
2. **How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst in 2020/21 scored over 70%?**  
229 applications scored above 70 and were recommended for funding by assessors.
3. **How many applications to the Biomedical Catalyst in 2020/21 received funding?**  
18 applications were awarded funding.
4. **What score threshold was required for applications to receive funding in 2020/21?**  
The 2020 round of the Biomedical Catalyst had a two-stage assessment process. 36 top-scoring applications progressed to the Major Awards Committee (MAC) interviews and a portfolio approach was adopted for this. Applications required a score above 83.4 to gain entry to the MAC1 (Therapeutics) Panel, and 84.2 to move forward to the MAC2 (MedTech & Diagnostics) Panel. The interview committee proceeded to rank projects from each panel and 9 were chosen from each panel to be funded on the basis of this rank.
5. **What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in 2020/21?**  
The total grant funding sought by the 211 applicants that scored over 70% and were recommended for funding but were unsuccessful was £223,764,935. The *total project value* of these 211 applications was £304,791,099

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


Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org) or [infogovernance@ukri.org](mailto:infogovernance@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: <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/>

Yours sincerely,

  
Information Governance  
Information Rights Team  
UK Research and Innovation  
foi@ukri.org | dataprotection@ukri.org