

6 October 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00287**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 September in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*For Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2022 Round 1: Industry-led R&D, please could you release the following information:*

1. The number of applications.
2. The number of assessed applications.
3. The number of successful applications.
4. The success rate.
5. The minimum successful score.
6. The maximum successful score.
7. Maximum score of failed applications.
8. Average grant fund value per project.
9. Average score of funded projects.
10. The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).
11. The count of assessed applications by innovation area.
12. The count of successful projects by innovation area for each strand.
13. The count of assessed applications by research category (industrial research, experimental development).
14. The count of successful projects by research category.
15. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.

**Our response**

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

<b>1. Number of submitted applications</b>	284
<b>2. Number of assessed applications</b>	284
<b>3. Number of successful applications</b>	44
<b>4. Success rate</b>	15.5%
<b>5. The minimum successful score</b>	70.4%
<b>6. The maximum successful score</b>	90.4%
<b>7. Maximum score of failed applications</b>	83.5%
<b>8. Average grant fund value per project</b>	£729,063
<b>9. Average score of funded projects</b>	82.3%

<b>10. Score distribution</b>	<b>Under 70</b>	<b>70.1 - 75</b>	<b>75.1 - 80</b>	<b>80.1 - 85</b>	<b>85.1 - 90</b>	<b>90.1 - 95</b>	<b>95.1 - 100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	112	60	62	40	9	1	0	284

	39.4%	21.1%	21.8%	14.1%	3.2%	0.4%	0.0%	
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	11. Count of assessed applications by innovation area	12. Count of successful projects by innovation area for each strand	
		Strand 1 (over £500k)	Strand 2 (under £500k)
Advanced therapies	19	0	2
Biosciences	7	0	0
Diagnostics, medical technology and devices	114	9	18
Digital health	57	0	4
Independent living and wellbeing	8	0	2
Precision medicine	15	1	1
Preclinical technologies and drug target discovery	16	0	2
Therapeutic and medicine development	48	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>

13. The count of assessed applications by research category	Industrial research	Experimental development	TOTAL
	259	25	284

14. The count of successful projects by research category	Industrial research	Experimental development	TOTAL
	42	2	44

15. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score	124
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As further explanation for questions seven and fifteen, Innovate UK applied a portfolio approach to this round. All applications selected for interview from Strand 1 scored over the quality threshold of 70%, and the Innovation Lead selected projects to give a balanced portfolio of different innovation areas. The written scores were then superseded by the interview panel scores. Projects in Strand 2 (under £500k) were selected top down until the competition budget was reached. More information on the portfolio approach can be found in the [Innovate UK General Guidance](#).<sup>1</sup>

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:

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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,

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?\\_ga=2.70744656.1770083017.1663756381-2126497687.1663161362#contents-list](https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?_ga=2.70744656.1770083017.1663756381-2126497687.1663161362#contents-list)

  
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