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14 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00009

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 15 January in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I'd like to request a list of all doctoral training partnerships and centres that are currently funded by the UKRI. This includes any RO that has an active grant that is specifically for funding postdoctoral researchers.

Could you please provide this information electronically in a table that includes:

- * Name of centre*
- * Associated Research council*
- * Web address of centre*
- * Centre Director name and contact details*
- * Centre Manager name and contact details*
- * Period of funding*
- * Total award associated with the grant*
- * Number of studentships awarded through the grant*

I appreciate you considering this request and look forward to your response.

Clarified on 17 January 2023

Yes postgraduate/doctoral students is the primary focus of this request. I'm very happy to proceed with the focus being on all Centres for Doctoral Training and Doctoral Training Partnerships.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached as document 'FOI2023/00009_cdt_dtp currently funded grants'.

The data provided is a list of all UKRI active training grants. It captures most CDTs and DTPs, however this is not comprehensive of UKRI's expenditure on doctoral training, for example it does not capture single student training grants.

Tab 1 provides notes to the data provided.

In tab 2 we have provided data on the award reference, the associated research council, name of the centre (organisation name), application title, start and end date of the award and the value of the award.

We do not hold information on the number of studentships awarded through the grant as grants are multi year and report annually on the number of students supported as explained in tab 1. Information on the web address of the centre is not held.

Regarding your request for centre director or centre manager's names and contact details, we have determined that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate statutory limit as specified within Section 12 of the FOIA, which for UKRI is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of 18 hours of staff resource on locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We do not have a ready means of providing the data requested as there is currently no central repository of this information, rather each Research Council would have to manually carry out searches and extract the information from its systems. This information is likely to sit in various different business aspects of each Council making its collection too onerous. There are currently 833 DTP/CDT grants funded by UKRI and we would need to manually examine each award in order to locate and extract the relevant information. There is also a significant risk in collating that we provide incorrect and out-dated data. It would therefore not be possible to scope a Council-wide request and collate meaningful results within the costs limit.

Section 12(2) provides that if the cost of determining whether the requested information is held would exceed the appropriate cost limit, the public authority is not required to comply with the request. Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to comply with this part of your request. We regret that we are unable to identify a way in which you can refine your request to bring it under the appropriate cost limit and are thus unable to comply with your request.

As part of our duty to advise and assist under the FOIA, we can advise that further information on all grants awarded by UKRI is available on [Gateway to Research](#)¹. The Gateway to Research (GtR) was developed by the Research Councils to enable users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research. It includes information about projects supported by all seven Research Councils, Innovate UK and NC3Rs and can be filtered by key terms, funder and start year.

You may also find further information relating to individual CDTs and DTPs on GTR, which includes abstracts and information on related studentships. Please note that information on AHRC and MRC training grants is not currently available on GtR.

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

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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://gtr.ukri.org/>