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10 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00422

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 May in which you requested the following:

Your request:

please can I request the following:

For Innovate UK's Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D large projects competition:

- 1) the number of applications submitted, split between single applicants and consortiums*
- 2) the number of assessed applications, split between single applicants and consortiums*
- 3) the number of applications which were invited to interview, split between single applicants and consortiums*
- 4) the score of the lowest scoring application invited to interview (based upon the score provided by the assessor within the first paper application stage) - hereafter referred to as the interview threshold*
- 5) the highest-scoring consortia application (after the first paper assessment / before interview)*
- 6) the number of consortia applications with a written score above the interview threshold*
- 7) the number of consortia applications invited to interview*

Here the definition of consortia is where more than one partner submits costings through the IFS at the application stage i.e. a collaborative bid, as opposed to single applicant with just one organisation submitting finance details within the IFS (single applicant; working alone or with subcontracted skills).

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request.

Question 1:

I can confirm that Innovate UK received 347 applications. However, IUK do not hold information on how many of these were single applicants or consortiums. This is because IUK only captures data for applications that have been assessed, rather than for all applications submitted.

Question 2:

Applications from 179 single applicants were assessed and 85 consortiums were assessed.

Question 3:

24 applicants were invited to interview, of which 19 were single applicants and 5 were consortiums.

Question 4:

The lowest score for an applicant invited to interview was 82.

Question 5:

The highest scoring consortia applicant after the first assessment and prior to interview was 86.8.

Question 6:

The number of consortia applications with a written score above the interview threshold was 15.

Question 7:

The number of consortia applications invited to interview was 5, as stated in our response to question 3.

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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