



[REDACTED]

16 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00063

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

Your request:

Please reveal the following:

The amount spent by research councils under UKRI on (human consumable) alcohol, in support of PhD DTP programmes, in the year 2022. i.e. how much the drinks budget is for each PhD student induction event/ presentation day/ cohort building sessions etc.

Ideally this would be discretised for each DTP, however I will accept a sum total for the year.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

UKRI allocates funding to research organisations/higher education institutions (HEIs) for doctoral training grants. All activities associated with the recruitment and training of doctoral students is handled by the Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) who have to abide by the [Terms and Conditions](#)¹ for training grants. Under TGC 4.7 research organisations may 'incorporate costs associated with the administration of training, advertising costs and open days' into the fee level charged to the training grant. The expenditure for open days would therefore be subject to research organisations' internal travel and subsistence policies. UKRI therefore does not hold the information at such granular detail as alcohol or catering spend.

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.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/UKRI-021122-TrainingGrantTermsAndConditions.pdf>
UK Research and Innovation, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon SN2 1FL

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