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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00559

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests, received on the 30 June, and clarification received on 14 July. As advised, we have amalgamated all four requests under one reference number.

Request 1:

DRIVE35 Innovation Fund 2025: Theme and Technology Area Breakdown

Further to the response received to FOI2026/00024 regarding the DRIVE35 Innovation Fund 2025, I understand that questions 11 to 15 of that request — covering theme and technology area breakdowns — were withdrawn by the original requester prior to the response being issued.

I would be grateful if you could now release the following information for both the Collaborate strand and the Demonstrate strand of the 2025 DRIVE35 Innovation Fund:

- 1. The count of assessed applications by theme (Theme 1: Promote Zero Emission Vehicle Technologies; Theme 2: Enhance Manufacturing Competitiveness; Theme 3: Future Vehicle Innovation — Software Defined Vehicles and Electrical/Electronic Architectures).*
- 2. The count of successful applications by technology area within Theme 1 (electrical energy storage; electric machines and associated driveline; power electronics including Vehicle-to-Everything; Internal Combustion Engines for on-road applications; ICE for off-road applications; lightweight materials and manufacturing processes; fuel cell systems and associated balance of plant; hydrogen storage and management systems).*
- 3. The count of successful applications by technology area within Theme 2 (Digital Transformation; manufacturing process decarbonisation; Lean Manufacturing; Supply Chain Development).*
- 4. The count of successful applications by technology area within Theme 3 (Integrated E/E systems; validation and verification technology; embedded Software Development; network communications; Control Systems).*

Request 2:

Innovate UK Feasibility Studies for AI Solutions: Series 1

In relation to the Innovate UK Feasibility Studies for AI Solutions: Series 1 competition, please could you release the following information:

- 1. The distribution of scores for all assessed applications.*
- 2. The number of assessors involved in the assessment process and the distribution of the number of applications reviewed per assessor.*
- 3. The distribution of scores for each individual application.*
- 4. The distribution of scores for each individual assessor.*
- 5. The score threshold for funding.*
- 6. The number of applications funded and the distribution of funding amounts awarded.*
- 7. The number of applications submitted, assessed and funded broken down by postcode area.*

8. The number of successful companies broken down by postcode area.
9. The count of assessed applications by innovation area or theme and the count of successful projects by innovation area or theme.
10. The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development) and the count of successful projects by research category.
11. The number of funded projects broken down by UK region.
12. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored at or above the minimum funded score.
13. The minimum, maximum and average grant fund value per project for successful applications.

Request 3:

Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst 2023–2025: Supplementary Data

Further to the response received to FOI2026/00334 regarding the Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst programme, I would be grateful if you could release the following supplementary information for each of the four rounds covered by that response: 2023 Round 1, 2023 Round 2, 2024 and 2025.

For each round, broken down by stream (Small Projects and Large Projects) where applicable, please could you provide:

1. The minimum and maximum grant fund value awarded per project for successful applications (in addition to the average value already provided in FOI2026/00334).
2. The count of assessed applications by innovation area or theme (Diagnostics, medical technology and devices; Therapeutic and medicine development; Digital health) and the count of successful projects by innovation area or theme for each stream.

Request 4:

Innovate UK Farming Innovation Programme: 2022, 2023 and 2024 Competitions

For each of the Innovate UK Farming Innovation Programme feasibility competitions launched in 2022, 2023 and 2024, please could you release the following information. Where data is not available for a specific year please indicate this and provide the data for the year(s) where it is held.

1. The number of applications submitted.
2. The number of assessed applications (post-eligibility checks).
3. The number of successful applications and the overall success rate.
4. The minimum successful score (funding threshold).
5. The score distributions of assessed applications — the number of applications scoring in each of the following bands: <70, 70.1–75, 75.1–80, 80.1–85, 85.1–90, 90.1–95, 95.1–100.
6. The minimum, maximum and average grant fund value per project for successful applications.
7. The minimum, maximum and average score of funded projects.
8. The maximum score of unfunded applications.
9. The count of assessed applications by industry subsector and the count of successful projects by industry subsector.
10. The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development) and the count of successful projects by research category.
11. The number of funded projects broken down by UK region or postcode area.
12. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored at or above the minimum funded score.
13. The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 2 partners, 3 partners, and 4 or more partners, and the number led by a single organisation.
14. The number of successful projects that had a university partner.
15. The total number of applicants that had a university partner.

Our response:

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

Request 1

Applicants to the DRIVE35 Innovation Fund 2025 were not asked to specify one theme in their application. Instead, applicants were asked to consider which of the three themes best represented their project, by providing a percentage against each, adding up to 100%.

The three themes were:

- Theme 1: Promote Zero Emission Vehicle Technologies
- Theme 2: Enhance Manufacturing Competitiveness
- Theme 3: Future Vehicle Innovation - Software Defined Vehicles (SDV) and Electrical/Electronic (E/E) architectures'

Therefore, this data is held across a combination of these themes and is presented as such in *"FOI2026/00559 Annex 1 – Drive 35 by Theme"*. The data is the combined figures for both the Collaborate and Demonstrate strands of the competition.

Request 2

Please find the response to this request in *"FOI2026/00559 Annex 2 – Feasibility Studies for AI Solutions"*. Data has been included for both the Feasibility studies for Artificial Intelligence solutions and Feasibility Studies for AI Solutions Series 1: Project Extensions competitions.

Data for questions 3 and 4 has been anonymised so that assessors and applications cannot be identified.

Request 3

Please find the response to this request in *"FOI2026/00559 Annex 3 – Biomedical Catalyst"*.

Please note, the total count of assessed applications given in response to FOI2026/00334 for the Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 2 – Large Projects was incorrect. This number should have been 136, not 135.

The count of successful applications (selected for funding) for Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 1 – Small Projects should have been 36, not 34. The count of successful applications (selected for funding) for Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 2 – Small Projects should have been 23, not 24.

Request 4

Please find the response to this request in *"FOI2026/00559 Annex 4 – Farming Innovation"*.

Please note, projects funded through the 2024 - Farming Innovation Programme (FIP) – Additional Funding (1577) competition were high scoring projects from earlier FIP feasibility rounds which were not funded due to a lack of budget. Given the time duration since these applications were submitted, when additional funding became available a new competition was held, on an invitation only basis, to provide applicants an opportunity to update their project proposals which were then reassessed. 13 applications were invited, 9 were submitted and all 9 were recommended for funding.

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:

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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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