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13 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00369

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

We would like an anonymous profile dataset in CSV electronic format containing the total number of applications that have been submitted to Innovate UK for every grant competition and the stages/ results of their outcomes. This csv should be dated from 2004 to current, to coincide with the public dataset provided.

<https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

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.

Please find attached "FOI2023 00369 Annex1" which contains the requested information from July 2014 to present. This data includes the title of the grant competition, the total number of applications, how many were successful, unsuccessful and number of applications considered "blue zone" projects. A "blue zone" project is a project that could have been funded if more budget was available.

The requested information is not held from 2004 to 2007. Prior to the creation of the Technology Strategy Board (TSB) in 2007, competitions were run by the central government and Innovate UK hold no records of the application processes, only of funded projects.

Between 2007 and 2010 a third party was used to run the competition process and where any records exist or are held by Innovate UK, they are recorded on paper and not digitally. From 2010 until July 2014, when the TSB became Innovate UK, data is recorded digitally, but the records are inconsistent and contained in legacy servers.

Therefore, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request prior to July 2014 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.

To determine whether we hold and then subsequently retrieve and extract this information, it would be necessary to manually search digital records across multiple different servers for these files, which has been estimated to take a week per calendar year. In addition, for any data prior to 2010, manual paper records would need to be reviewed, which is likely to take significantly longer.

Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to process this section of your request further.

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 within the next 40 working days:

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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