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4 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00196**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 March in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am trying to better understand the funding process, and portfolio approach of Innovate UK. For the following competition*

*Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 2: Industry-led R&D competition*

*(Competition opened: 20 September 2023 9:00am UK time; Closing date: 8 November 2023 11:00am UK time*

*<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/biomedical-catalyst-2023-round-two-industry-led-rd/>*

*Could you kindly provide:*

**Application Data:**

1. *Total number of applications.*
2. *Total number of applications ineligible for assessment.*
3. *Total number of successful applications.*
4. *Total number of applications considered a resubmission of a previous application.*
5. *Total number of successful applications which were considered a resubmission of a previous application.*
6. *The success rate.*
7. *The score of the lowest scoring funded project.*
8. *The score of the highest scoring funded project.*
9. *The score of the highest non-funded project.*
10. *The average (mean) score of funded projects.*
11. *Average grant fund value of funded projects.*
12. *The score distributions of the applications (eg. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).*
13. *The number of assessed applications by research category.*
14. *The number of successful projects by research category.*
15. *The number of assessed applications by innovation area.*
16. *The number of successful projects by innovation area.*
17. *The number of unsuccessful applicants, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*

**Our response:**

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

**Table 1: Q1-11 and Q17**

Question	Answer
1. The number of applications	358
2. The number of applications ineligible for assessment	10
3. The number of successful applications	32
4. Total number of applications considered a resubmission of a previous application	63
5. Total number of successful applications which were considered a resubmission of a previous application	5
6. The success rate	9%
7. The score of the lowest scoring funded project <sup>1</sup>	82
8. The score of the highest scoring funded project <sup>1</sup>	91.6
9. The score of the highest non-funded project <sup>1</sup>	91.6
10. The average (mean) score of funded projects <sup>1,3</sup>	84.98
11. Average grant fund value per project <sup>2</sup>	£415,190.37
17. The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score <sup>4</sup>	23

**Table 2: Q12. The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100)**

Score <sup>1</sup> Range	Number	Percentage
<=70	124	35.63%
70.1-75	67	19.25%
75.1-80	66	18.97%
80.1-85	70	20.11%
85.1-90	17	4.89%
90.1-95	4	1.15%
95.1-100	0	0%
Total	348	100%

<sup>1</sup> All scores are the written assessment scores and are given as percentages

<sup>2</sup> Average value of funding sought for 'successful' applications at the assessment stage

<sup>3</sup> Figure is based on 'successful' applications at the assessment stage, 'successful' applications are still subject to due diligence process and may not be funded

<sup>4</sup> Number of unsuccessful applications with a score greater than or equal to the minimum score of successful applications

**Table 3: Q13. The number of assessed applications by research category & Q14. The number of successful projects by research category**

Research Category	Assessed Applications		Successful Projects	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Experimental development	33	9.48%	0	0%
Industrial research	315	90.52%	32	100%
Total	348	100%	32	100%

**Table 4: Q15. The number of assessed applications by innovation area & Q16. The number of successful projects by innovation area for each strand**

Innovation Area	Assessed Applications		Successful Projects	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Advanced therapies	21	6.03%	3	9.38%
Biosciences	18	5.17%	1	3.13%
Diagnostics, medical technology and devices	129	37.07%	13	40.63%
Digital health	82	23.56%	5	15.63%
Independent living and wellbeing	6	1.72%	0	0%
Precision medicine	25	7.18%	4	12.5%
Preclinical technologies and drug target discovery	18	5.17%	2	6.25%
Therapeutic and medicine development	48	13.79%	4	12.5%
Unknown	1	0.29%	0	0%
Total	348	100%	32	100%

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

  
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