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Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00278

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to request the following information held by UKRI (Innovate UK):

1. *What is the success rate of applications to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
2. *What is the success rate of applications scoring over 70% to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
3. *What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?*
4. *What is the total value of early and late stage competitions applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?*
5. *What is the individual success rate for feasibility, primer, early stage and late stage competitions for the period 2012/13 to 2019/20?*

Our response:

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

1. *What is the success rate of applications to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
2. *What is the success rate of applications scoring over 70% to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*

The funding threshold for the Biomedical Catalyst competition was 70% so no projects in receipt of funding scored below 70%. Therefore, the percentages in the table below are indicative of both the overall success rate and the success rate of applications scoring over 70%.

Please note, Innovate UK do not hold the requested data prior to 2014/2015.

Year	Number of successful applications scoring over 70%	Percentage of successful applications scoring over 70%
2014/15	21	31.34%
2015/16	18	17.31%
2016/17	66	25.98%
2017/18	74	15.98%
2018/19	54	14.25%
2019/20	13	3.83%

3. What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

2017/18	£	182,548,656
2018/19	£	172,181,949
2019/20	£	176,315,135
Grand Total	£	728,424,468

4. What is the total value of early and late stage competitions applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

2017/18	£	95,277,987
2018/19	£	136,020,314
2019/20	£	116,073,955
Grand Total	£	347,372,256

5. What is the individual success rate for feasibility, primer, early stage and late stage competitions for the period 2012/13 to 2019/20?

	Number of applications	% success rate
2014/15	21	31.34%
Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Early & Late Stage - Round 5	9	40.91%
Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Round 6	7	29.17%
Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Late Stage - Round 7	5	23.81%
2015/16	18	17.31%
Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Early Stage - Round 8	5	21.74%
Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Feasibility - Round 8	13	16.05%
2016/17	66	25.98%
Biomedical Catalyst 2016 - Early Stage Award	37	23.87%
Biomedical Catalyst 2016 - Feasibility Studies	29	29.29%
2017/18	74	15.98%
Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 1 - Feasibility Studies	17	22.67%
Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 1 - Primer Award	11	12.09%
Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 4 - Primer Award	11	11.83%
Biomedical Catalyst Round 2 - Late Stage Award	10	12.82%
Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Early Stage	7	12.73%
Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Feasibility Studies Award	15	22.06%
Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Feasibility Studies Award - Precision Medicine Projects	3	100.00%
2018/19	54	14.25%
Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 1 - Feasibility Studies	15	16.13%
Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 1 - Early Stage Award	9	10.00%
Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 2 - Late Stage	9	21.43%

Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 2 - Primer Award	14	15.73%
Biomedical Catalyst Round 4 - Late Stage Award	7	10.77%
2019/20	13	3.83%
Biomedical Catalyst 2019 Round 1 - Early and Late Stage Awards	10	7.35%
Biomedical Catalyst 2019 Round 1 - Feasibility and Primer Awards	3	1.48%

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Head of Information Governance


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Yours sincerely,


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