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11 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00008

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 09 January in which you requested the following:

Your request:

"Innovate UK runs several grant funding competitions every year.

Please provide detailed information about challenging a grant funding competition award. This could include but is not limited to:

- *any/all processes for challenging grant awards*
- *acceptable grounds/basis for challenging awards*
- *any/all forms or correspondence information necessary to challenge an award*
- *detail of all possible outcomes to a challenge*
- *details of actions/remedies resulting from a successful challenge"*

Our response

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

Innovate UK adopt a policy whereby funding decisions are final and not subject to appeal. The assessment process that Innovate UK employ uses a panel of independent experts to ensure that all decisions are objective and technically informed. As Innovate UK operates a rigorous approach to assessment they do not enter into any discussions relating to technical judgements.

However, there is a complaint process available if there are any issues relating to the conduct of Innovate UK, which includes any issues surrounding grant awards. Please find details of the complaints procedure on the following link, which details what will and will not be accepted as a complaint:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk/about/complaints-procedure>

There is also a mechanism for reporting any suspected misconduct of a grant recipient with UKRI's fraud team on reportfraud@ukri.org. Once an issue has been reported to the team, an investigation can then be conducted.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek a review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of our internal review you are entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office 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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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