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19 September 2024

Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00708

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following information:

Please detail the number of staff sent on IT training courses, the name of these courses and the total cost of these training courses each year for the past three years from August to July.

E.g.

August 2023- July 2024
· 15 staff sent on IT training courses
· Courses included – Advanced Data Skills, Introduction to AI, Cybersecurity Awareness
· £60,000 spend on IT training courses

Our response

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

UKRI was formed in 2018 and brings together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK and Research England. Training is generally commissioned by the central UKRI learning and development team however some research councils and UKRI funded centres, institutes and units (CIUs) may independently commission training. We are therefore providing information on IT training commissioned across UKRI by the UKRI learning and development team and also by the research councils and CIUs.

<u>**UKRI Learning and Development**</u>

August 2021 – July 2022
Course: Tableau Intermediate
1 Employee
Cost: £1,120.00

August 2022 – July 2023
Courses: SQL Training, Power BI Desktop, MS Access Intro/intermediate, MS Excel Introduction, MS Excel intermediate, MS Excel Advanced, MS Powerpoint Introduction, MS Powerpoint Intermediate/Advanced, MS Project Introduction/Intermediate, MS Visio Introduction, MS Word Introduction, MS Word Intermediate, MS Word Advanced
291 Employees
Cost: £42,160.00

August 2023 - July 2024
Courses: Power BI, SQL Training, MS Excel Introduction, MS Excel intermediate, MS Excel Advanced, MS Powerpoint Intermediate/Advanced, MS Project Introduction/Intermediate, MS Visio Introduction, MS Word Intermediate
123 Employees
Cost: £17,020.00

UKRI Digital Data and Technology (DDaT) team

August 2021 – July 2022
Courses: BCS Certificate in Information Security Management Principles, Foundation Certificate in Cyber Security, Communications Technology & The Computing and IT Project, Agile PM Foundation& Practitioner, Crest Practitioner Security, CREST Certified Web Application Tester, Tableau, Excel Intermediate 365 training, Scrum, ITIL Foundation, Metalogix Essentials Service, leading SAFe course, Product Management Foundation, Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator course, MSC Advanced Security and Digital Forensics, BCS Foundation in Architecture Concepts, CPACC, interaction Design, Microsoft 365 Security Administrator, CCSP, Leading SAFe.
78 Employees
Cost: £74,732

August 2022 - July 2023
Courses: Hacking Forensics Investigator, Advanced Security and Digital Forensics, Foundation in Architecture Concepts, ITIL 4 Foundation, Microsoft 365 Security Administrator, CCSP, AWS, Comptia CYSA, EC-Council Certified SOC Analyst (CSA), Crest Practitioner Security Training, ServiceNow Performance Analytics PA Foundamentals, Offensive Security, CSTM Practitioner, CDD/BDD, CIPR Specialist, CSTM Training, Terraform in Practice, MSP Foundation, Interaction Design Foundation, P30 Foundation and Practitioner, Advanced Content Design, Microsoft MS-500.
140 Employees
Cost: £172,846

August 2023 - July 2024
Courses: Microsoft Managing Endpoints, SAFe Agile Product Management Course, TOGAF EA Foundation and Practitioner, Microsoft Managing Endpoints Course, TOGAF EA Foundation and Practitioner, EMEA IT Infrastructure, Operations and Cloud Strategies Conference, Mind the Product, EMEA IT Infrastructure, Operations and Cloud Strategies, Management of Risk Practitioner, NIST Cyber Security Professional Foundation, Certified Security Risk Manager, CompTIA Security+, Information and Data Modelling for the Enterprise, TOGAF® EA Foundation and Practitioner Program: Combined Level 1 & 2, Figma Introduction, Foundation in Content Design, Implementing and Operating Cisco Enterprise Network Core Technologies, Advanced Google Tag Manager, Google Analytics 4 (GA4) Advanced, Cisco Modeling Labs, Introduction to Service Design in Government, ICAgile Product Management, Boson Practice.
57 Employees
Cost: £74,373

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

August 2021-July 2022
Courses: Tableau Desktop II Intermediate
1 Employee
Cost: £1,241

August 2022-July 2023
None

August 2023- July 2024
Courses: TOGAF Enterprise Architecture, Tableau Desktop II Intermediate
1 Employee
Cost: £2,920

MRC Harwell

August 2021 – July 2022
None

August 2022 – July 2023
None

August 2023 – July 2024
Course: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
1 Employee
Cost: £144.00

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB)

August 2021 – July 2022
None

August 2022 – July 2023
Courses: FileMaker Pro Introduction and FileMaker Pro Intermediate
10 Employees
Cost: £4,380 +VAT

August 2023 – July 2024
None

MRC Laboratory of Medical Sciences (LMS)

August 2021 – July 2022
Courses: Window server administration, ITIL v4 Foundation; Prince 2 Foundation Practitioner
1 Employee
Cost: £3,387.96

August 2022 – July 2023
None

August 2023 – July 2024
Courses: RH124 Red Hat System Administration I, RNA-sequencing analysis, Interpreting Genomics Variants; Bioinformatics course, Machine Learning with Graphs, Machine learning Specialization, Deep learning Specialization, Khan Academy: Multivariable calculus; Blockchain basics; Machine Learning with Python; Blockchain business modules
7 Employees
Cost: £3803

British Antarctic Survey (BAS)

March-July 2020
Courses: Excel 365 Intermediate, Word 365 Intermediate, Excel 365 Advanced Formulae & Functions and Word 365 Advanced Long Documents.
34 Employees
Cost: £5,000

March- May 2021
Courses: Excel 365 Intermediate, Word 365 Intermediate, Excel 365 Advanced Formulae & Functions and Word 365 Advanced Long Documents.
25 Employees
Cost: £3,000

February- November 2022

Courses: Word Intermediate, Excel Intermediate and Excel Advanced Formulae & Functions
31 staff
Cost: £5,200

In 2023 and 2024 courses were booked through UKRI Learning and Development.

British Geological Survey (BGS)

August 2021 - July 2022
Courses: Indesign Intermediate, Kingdom Suite Training
7 Employees
Cost: £5,108

August 2022 - July 2023
Courses: COMET-GEM Open Quake, Teams Masterclass, Preparing for TOGAF certification, Nessus Fundamentals on demand, Implementing & Config Cisco Ident Serv, After Effects Advanced, After Effects Intermediate, FME Server Advanced Data Skills
16 Employees
Cost: £16,859

August 2023- July 2024
Courses: Introduction to Power Bi, Intro to Power Bi, DNAC Activitation & Assurance, Understanding Networking Fundamentals, Petrel Structural Modelling : Corner Point, Rapid 7 Insight VM Certified Admin, Creating Story Maps with ArcGIS
10 Employees
Cost: £18,716

Innovate UK

August 2021 – July 2022
Courses: Power BI, Data Engineer with Python
3 Employees
Cost: £1,056.00

August 2022 – July 2023
Courses: Data Ethics, MIT Emeritus AI in Healthcare, MS Excel, Power BI, IT Foundation, Workday Training, Cloud Practitioner Fee, ISQTB Foundation
27 Employees
Cost: £25,510.91

August 2023 – July 2024
Courses: Power BI, MS Excel, BCS Prof Cert in Data Analysis, Data Science - Text Analysis, ITL4 Foundation
9 Employees
Cost: £8,475.00

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

August 2021 to July 2022
Courses: Data BI Analysis Training Course
1 Employee
Cost: £2,500

August 2022 to July 2023
Courses: Bespoke Tableau Explorer, Introduction to Programming in Python for Social Scientists
16 Employees
Cost: £9,550

August 2023 to July 2024
Courses: Advanced Machine Learning: Models of Deep Learning Training Course

1 Employee
Cost: £1,100

Research England (RE)

August 2021 – July 2022
None

August 2022 – July 2023
None

August 2023- July 2024
Courses: SQL training/SQL introduction – Advanced
3 Employees
Cost: £3,435.00

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC – UKATC Department)

2021/22
Courses: CBT Nuggets - training covered Windows Server Administration, Active Directory and Powershell.
1 Employee
 Cost: £437

2022/23
Courses: CBT Nuggets - training covered Windows Server Administration, Active Directory and Powershell.
1 Employee
Cost: £496

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Technology team

Aug 2022- July 2023
Courses: Power Automate
17 Employees
Cost: £3108 incl VAT in total.

August 2023 - July 2024
Courses: Skills Bootcamp - "Become a 365 Champion", RHEL Sys Admin Training
4 Employees
Cost: £4,315.20

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC's) Digital Infrastructure Department.

April 2023 - March 2024
Courses: Training vouchers for generic publicly available IT courses in ITIL, Business Analysis. Project Management, Agile, Microsoft technical ecosystem

IT dept comprising 100 IT specialists

Cost: £7,000

As per section 12 of the FOIA it would exceed the cost limit to determine the actual numbers of staff that undertook training in this period and to provide information for previous years. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request 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.

This is because training is devolved to line manager level, and each line manager would have to manually access and extract the information from individual personnel records and talk to individuals. We anticipate this could take

in excess of 18 hours to complete. Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to process this section of your request further.

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC's) Scientific Computing Department.

August 2021 – July 2022
Courses: AutoCAD/LT: Essential Skills Training
2 Employees
Cost: £1,428

August 2022 – July 2023
Courses: Cloud Storage with Red Hat Ceph Storage Training, Participation at CERN Thematic School of Computing
3 Employees
Cost: £5,449

August 2023 – July 2024
Courses: GPU Training (C++), CUDA Programming course, Training course on non-linear FEA and multibody dynamics, Training course for Intro to X-ray Computed Tomography for Operators, Participation at CERN Thematic School of Computing, Technical Writing Training Course, CERN School of Computing Registration
27 Employees
Cost: £18,225

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC's) ASTeC Department.

2021/22:
Courses: Level 1 PLC Programming, Xilinx Vivado Intermediate, Xilinx Vivado Beginner, IT Security Various short online courses.
106 Employees
Cost: £1000

2022/23:
Courses: Intro to Python, Software Carpentry, Lighthouse Design Course, Vitis Tool Flow, IT Security Various short online courses,
126 Employees
Cost: £1000

2023/24:
Courses: Advanced Embedded Linux, Development and FPGA Design for Embedded Systems, IT Security Various short online courses, Power automate, AutoCAD, SharePoint, Microsoft_365, OneDrive, SolidWorks, Intro to Python
166 Employees
Cost: £12000

Please note the IT Security training is provided centrally.

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC's) RAL Space.

July 2021 – August 2022
None

July 2022 – August 2023
Courses: JAMF 200
1 Employee
Cost: £1,395

July 2023 – August 2024
Courses: JAMF Training pass, VMware vSphere: Fast Track [V8]

2 Employees
Cost: £5,164

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC's) NQCC.

2022/23 – 2024/25
Courses: Quantum Information, Quantum Computation, Q-Ctrl Black Opal Course
35 Employees
Cost: £82,000

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[1].

Yours sincerely,

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