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12 June 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00489**

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

**Your request:**

*I would be very grateful if you could please provide the below information on the previous rounds of the Investor Partnerships scheme. The information I would like to request for each round is as follows:*

1. *The total number of applications submitted and the number of those that were assessed (i.e. deemed eligible for funding);*
2. *The average grant request and project size of the applications successfully awarded funding;*
3. *The funding thresholds and average scores of successful applications;*
4. *The percentages of successful applications that were Feasibility Studies, Industrial Research, and Experimental Development;*
5. *How many projects awarded went to project set up*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached in "FOI2025\_00489 Annex 1".

In answering your request, we have not included submissions to the Investor Selector competitions. These opportunities were specifically to register and approve co-investors for the investor partnership competitions and, as such, no funding was available to these applicants, and no external assessment process was implemented.

In addition, please note the following with regard to the data contained in Annex 1:

- Four competitions received no applications eligible for assessment (Combined Investor Partnerships Round 10, Round 12, Round 13 and Combined Investor Partnerships: March 2022). Therefore, there is no information held on these competitions relevant to Q2-5.
- The Investor Partnerships – health technologies, West Yorkshire: Rd 2 competition has closed, but applications have not yet been assessed. Therefore, information is only held relevant to Q1.
- The Investor Partnerships – digital technologies, North East: Rd 2 competition has closed and has been assessed, but all projects are still in the project setup phase. Therefore, no funding has currently been confirmed, and subsequently this information is not held in relation to Q2.
- The competition Future Economy Investor Partnerships: Existing Investor Confirmation 2022 was an expression of interest opportunity. Therefore, data relating to Q2-4 is not held, as funding was not provided, applications were not scored, and a project category was not required.

We have determined that the scoring information relating to two competitions (Combined investor partnerships invitation only: April 2021 and Invitation only Investor Partnership programmes: closing 18 November 2020) falls under Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence.

To explain further, organisations apply to Innovate UK in confidence and with the expectation that their bid information, including their resulting score, will be kept in confidence. As these competitions both had just one successful applicant, to provide information on the minimum and average score would identify the score awarded to the sole successful application. Therefore, if this information was released, we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidentiality.

Section 41 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

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).

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 procedure](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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