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6 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00487

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 6 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request copies of any documents applicable to the 2026 Innovate UK AI Champions: Frontier AI Phase 1 competition which describe:

- 1. Declarations, certifications, warranties or representations that applicants must confirm regarding the accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of information provided in funding applications.*
- 2. Legal obligations or guidance relating to scientific and research integrity, misrepresentation, false statements or misleading information in funding applications.*
- 3. Eligibility requirements relating to the project delivery team, including requirements that work be delivered by existing employees and any restrictions on reliance upon new hires or subcontractors, specifically in relation to the AI Champions: Frontier AI Phase 1 competition.*
- 4. Requirements or representations relating to ownership of, or rights to, intellectual property relied upon in the delivery of funded projects.*
- 5. Consequences of inaccurate, misleading or false information being provided in an application or during subsequent grant management activities.*

For each of the above, please indicate whether the relevant requirements apply at:

- (a) application submission*
- (b) notification of award*
- (c) prior to commencement of the funded project*

6. Please also provide any documents describing the process or obligations for applicants to notify UKRI of changes occurring after submission of an application.

If any of the requested information is already publicly available, I would be grateful if you could provide links to the relevant documents or webpages rather than duplicate copies.

Our response

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

The information you have requested can be found within:

- [Innovate UK Grant Terms and Conditions](#)¹
- [Competition overview - AI Champions: Frontier AI Phase 1 - Innovation Funding Service](#)²

Questions 1-3

You may find the following sections of the Terms and Conditions useful: Section 5.1.5, Section 5.2, Section 5.7, and Section 6 - Warranties.

You may also find the Eligibility and Scope tabs of the Funding competition website useful.

Question 4

You may find the following sections of the Terms and Conditions useful: Section 19 - Intellectual property rights.

You may also find the Scope tab, specifically the 'Projects we will not fund' section, of the Funding competition website useful.

Question 5

For funded applicants, there is a risk of a funding offer being withdrawn during project set-up and as stated in the Terms and Conditions under section 3, paragraph 3, IUK reserves the right to terminate the grant at any time.

You may also find the following sections of the Terms and Conditions useful: Section 9.18 and Section 10 - Suspension, termination and repayment of grant.

The Terms and Conditions are signed up to by grant applicants at the start of the application process, and when an application is submitted, but they do not become effective until an applicant is successful and in receipt of funding. An applicant's responsibilities are set out in the 'How to apply' tab of the Funding competition website, specifically the 'Before you start' section. During the application stages, if issues are identified which could include providing inaccurate, misleading or false information, it may deem an application ineligible.

Question 6

As noted in the 'Before you start' section of the Funding competition website, applications can be reopened once submitted to make changes up until the competition deadline.

Once an application has been funded there is a Project Change Request (PCR) process designed to accommodate changes to funding levels, extensions and claims, rather than "re-writing" the application itself. This process is outlined in Sections 5.1.6, 5.1.11 and 5.4 of the Terms and Conditions.

As all the requested information is available in the public domain, Section 21 of the FOIA, Information already reasonably accessible, has been applied. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/terms-and-conditions-of-an-innovate-uk-grant-award/>

² <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2419/overview/bb8d7d28-0e63-4ee1-bf4a-790dfb3ae02f>

Your rights

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

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 procedure](#)³.

Yours sincerely,

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³ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>