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27 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00185

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 12 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Information on both the committee members and the proposals that were funded for “OPP782: Access to high performance computing facilities - autumn 2024”.

Our response:

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

Applications for opportunity [OPP782: Access to high performance computing facilities - autumn 2024](#)¹ were assessed at panel “PAN890 - Access to high performance computing facilities: autumn 2024” on 21 and 22 January 2025.

At present, funding decisions are still in progress and no applications have currently been confirmed as successful. Unsuccessful applicants have been informed, with remaining applications pending technical assessment from the High-Performance Computing Centre. As this assessment is conducted outside of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), we are unfortunately not able to provide an estimated timescale on when final outcomes will be confirmed.

The information you have requested on panel committee members is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

As funding decisions are still on going, we do not believe that it would be appropriate to publish details of the individuals involved in making these decisions at this time. We also consider that premature release would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of our scheduled timeframes which would lead to a disproportionate burden on the organisation. This would not be in the public interest.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. When final outcomes have been determined, both panel members and funding decisions will be made publicly available on the [EPSRC Funding Application Outcomes](#)² tableau dashboard.

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:

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/access-to-high-performance-computing-facilities-autumn-2024/>

² <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/epsrccdatasteam/viz/EPSRCFundingApplicationOutcomes/MeetingList>

Head of Information Governance

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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>