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21 May 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00334

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Innovate UK Bio Medical Catalyst in 2023, 2024 and 2025

Information Required for each round of IUK BMC in 2023, 2024 and 2025 broken down by stream 1 and stream 2:

- Total Number of Applications Submitted for each round
- Total Number of Applications Assessed for each round
- Total Number of Applications that passed the threshold for innovation in each round
- Total number of applications that were considered in the portfolio meeting for each round
- Total Number of Applications that were approved for funding in each round
- Lowest grant Funding request offered to a successful applicant for the rounds
- Highest grant Funding request offered to a successful applicant for the rounds
- How many applications were approved for funding at portfolio stage with a lower score than applications that were considered at portfolio stage with a higher score

Our response

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

Please see the information provided in Annex 1 at the end of this letter.

Please note:

- Innovate UK reserves the right to apply a [portfolio approach](#)¹ to ensure that a balance of funding is allocated across the strategic areas of the competition. This means we may apply funding decisions that do not solely rely on the performance in an innovation assessment.
- The two strands are treated slightly differently: large projects are interviewed, whereas small projects are not. As a result, the portfolio review based on the written assessment selects large projects for interview and small projects for funding.

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:

¹ https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?_ga=2.190465129.332565491.1669117885-1377575460.1637579844#portfolio

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](#)².

Yours sincerely,


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² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Annex 1:

	2023 Round 1		2023 Round 2		2024		2025	
	Large projects	Small projects	Large projects	Small projects	Large projects	Small projects	Large projects	Small projects
Total applications submitted	119	173	138	219	170	314	347	654
Total applications assessed	116	161	135	212	160	303	264	597
Scored over 70% at written (1)	91	101	106	124	122	194	191	363
Selected for interview	29	N/A	30	N/A	25	N/A	24	N/A
Scored over 70% at interview (2)	12	N/A	16	N/A	11	N/A	13	N/A
Scored under 70% at interview	17	N/A	14	N/A	14	N/A	11	N/A
Selected for funding	10	34	9	24	8	34	8	37
Selected for funding with a lower score than a non-funded project	0	0	1	0	0	21	2	7

1. *Large projects are considered at the portfolio review stage to determine selection for interview, while small projects are considered to determine selection for funding.*
2. *Projects are considered at the portfolio review stage to determine selection for funding.*