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15 May 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00316

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 10 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst (BMC) programme.

Please provide the following information for each Biomedical Catalyst competition round from 2021 to 2026 inclusive:

- 1. Total number of applications submitted*
- 2. Number of applications assessed*
- 3. Number of projects funded (awards made)*
- 4. Total funding budget available for each round*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information in **Annex 1** at the end of this letter.

Please note that the Biomedical Catalyst competition has not yet started for 2026, therefore this information is not held.

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](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Annex 1

Year	Competition	(Q1) Number of applications submitted	(Q2) Number of applications assessed	(Q3) Number of projects funded	(Q4) Total funding available
2021	Biomedical catalyst: early and late stage awards	313	301	17	£18,000,000
2021	Biomedical Catalyst Round 2: Feasibility & Primer Awards	225	216	55	£25,679,378
2022	Biomedical Catalyst Round 1: Industry-led R&D	294	284	43	£15,000,000
2022	Biomedical Catalyst Round 2: Industry-led R&D	270	266	41	£25,000,000
2023	Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 1: Industry-led R&D	292	276	42	£25,000,000
2023	Biomedical Catalyst Round 2: Industry-led R&D	358	348	32	£20,000,000
2023	Biomedical Catalyst Feasibility	47	46	40	£4,800,000
2024	Biomedical Catalyst 2024 Round 1: Industry-led R&D	484	463	41	£15,000,000
2025	Biomedical Catalyst Accelerators	4	4	4	£2,000,000
2025	Biomedical Catalyst: Industry led R&D large projects	347	264	8	£25,000,000*
2025	Biomedical Catalyst: Industry led R&D small projects	654	597	36	£25,000,000*

* £25 million is shared between the Biomedical Catalyst: Industry led R&D large projects and Biomedical Catalyst: Industry led R&D small projects