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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00290

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 7 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For the Biomedical Catalyst 2022 Round 1: Industry-led R&D competition, for both the <£500k and >£500k projects:

1. The number of applications
2. The number of successful applications
3. The success rate
4. The minimum successful score
5. The maximum successful score
6. Maximum score of failed applications
7. Average grant fund value per project
8. Total funds allocated
9. The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % and number of applications which scored 0 - 70, 70.1 - 75, 75.1 - 80, 80.1 - 85, 85.1 - 100)
10. The cut off /minimum score required for invite to interview (>£500k projects)

Our response

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

	Under £500k	Over £500k		Total
1. The number of applications	135	149		284
2. The number of successful applications	30	14		44
3. The success rate	22.2%	9.4%		15.5%
		Phase 1	Phase 2	
4. The minimum successful score	79.6	80.8	70.4	
5. The maximum successful score	90.4	89.8	90.0	
6. Maximum score of failed applications	79.4	83.5	N/A	
7. Average grant fund value per project	£335,764	£1,085,407		
Successful	£356,468	£1,154,356		
Unsuccessful	£329,848	£1,078,257		
8. Total funds allocated	£10,694,049	£16,160,990		

9. The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % and number of applications which scored 0 - 70, 70.1 - 75, 75.1 - 80, 80.1 - 85, 85.1 - 100)				
	Under £500k		Over £500k	
0 - 70	51	37.8%	61	40.9%
70.1 - 75	29	21.5%	31	20.8%
75.1 - 80	28	20.7%	34	22.8%
80.1 - 85	21	15.6%	19	12.8%
85.1 - 100	6	4.4%	4	2.7%
10. The cut off /minimum score required for invite to interview (>£500k projects)			80.0	

Questions 4 to 6 are split into two phases, as the projects over £500k had a two-stage assessment. The first was a written assessment and projects were then selected for interview on both the assessor score and the portfolio review criteria. Each project interviewed received an interview score from the panel and that second score was used to decide which projects to fund.

As further explanation for question six, Innovate UK applied a portfolio approach to this round. All applications selected for interview from Strand 1 scored over the quality threshold of 70%, and the Innovation Lead selected projects to give a balanced portfolio of different innovation areas. The written scores were then superseded by the interview panel scores. Projects in Strand 2 (under £500k) were selected top down until the competition budget was reached. More information on the portfolio approach can be found in the [Innovate UK General Guidance](#).¹

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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¹ https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?_ga=2.70744656.1770083017.1663756381-2126497687.1663161362#contents-list