
Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 21st November 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I kindly request information from the following research councils: EPSRC, MRC, BBSRC, ESRC, AHRC, and NERC the following information on all applications for funding (successful and unsuccessful) for the period 2006-2017:

• Grant or application reference number
• Project title
• Project abstract or summary (if available)
• Applicant/Principal Investigator name
• Applicant’s Organisation- and Department name
• Start- and End date of proposed project
• Review scores from peer-review
• Funding thresholds and funding scores
• Awarded amount of funding in £ (or the amount applied for)
• Grant category (i.e. if “research grant”, “fellowship”, etc.)
• Research Topic classifications
• Meeting and meeting data of decision
• Call, Committee, or Scheme

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation hold information relevant to your request.

Your request to obtain information on all applications for funding (both successful and unsuccessful) for the period 2006-2017, to the level of detail you’ve requested, would exceed the cost limit as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (hereafter referred to as FOIA).

We would need to review a wide variety of documentation held on various systems, as well as significant database searches for all relevant data, which is held in different formats by each research council.

Section 12 of FOIA allows a public authority to refuse to deal with a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to: - either comply with the request in its entirety or; - confirm or deny
whether the requested information is held. The estimate must be reasonable in the circumstances of the case. The appropriate limit is £450 for UKRI (18 Hours*£25= £450).

Whilst we wish to assist you as much as practically possible, we would encourage you to refine your parameters in a further request. Suggested refinements would be reducing the number of fields, reducing the time period, or identifying a priority order. An alternative would be to reformulate the request to focus on aggregate, rather than individual level data.

However a substantial amount of the information you have requested is already published to the public domain. To assist you, please find below links to each of the councils websites where you can obtain this information:

**Published information on decisions/outcomes and scores**

AHRC: [https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/paneloutcomes/](https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/paneloutcomes/)

BBSRC: [https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/post-application/awarded-grants/](https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/post-application/awarded-grants/)

EPSRC: [https://gow.epsrc.ukri.org/](https://gow.epsrc.ukri.org/)


MRC: [https://mrc.ukri.org/research/funded-research/board-panel-meeting-outcomes/](https://mrc.ukri.org/research/funded-research/board-panel-meeting-outcomes/)

NERC: [https://nerc.ukri.org/funding/application/outcomes/awards/](https://nerc.ukri.org/funding/application/outcomes/awards/)

As proposals are submitted in confidence only limited information is published on unsuccessful applications.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

**Complaints Officer**

UK Research and Innovation
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1FL
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 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:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at http://www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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