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Dear Dr Turner,

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00278**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 September in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I would like to request the following information held by UKRI (Innovate UK):*

1. *What is the success rate of applications to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
2. *What is the success rate of applications scoring over 70% to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
3. *What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?*
4. *What is the total value of early and late stage competitions applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?*
5. *What is the individual success rate for feasibility, primer, early stage and late stage competitions for the period 2012/13 to 2019/20?*

**Our response:**

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

1. *What is the success rate of applications to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*
2. *What is the success rate of applications scoring over 70% to the Biomedical Catalyst for each year since 2012/13?*

The funding threshold for the Biomedical Catalyst competition was 70% so no projects in receipt of funding scored below 70%. Therefore, the percentages in the table below are indicative of both the overall success rate and the success rate of applications scoring over 70%.

Please note, Innovate UK do not hold the requested data prior to 2014/2015.

| <b>Year</b>    | <b>Number of successful applications scoring over 70%</b> | <b>Percentage of successful applications scoring over 70%</b> |
|----------------|---|---|
| <b>2014/15</b> | 21  | 31.34%  |
| <b>2015/16</b> | 18  | 17.31%  |
| <b>2016/17</b> | 66  | 25.98%  |
| <b>2017/18</b> | 74  | 15.98%  |
| <b>2018/19</b> | 54  | 14.25%  |
| <b>2019/20</b> | 13  | 3.83%   |

3. What is the total value of applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

|                    |          |                    |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 2017/18            | £        | 182,548,656        |
| 2018/19            | £        | 172,181,949        |
| 2019/20            | £        | 176,315,135        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>£</b> | <b>728,424,468</b> |

4. What is the total value of early and late stage competitions applications that scored over 70% but that were not funded in each of the following years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

|                    |          |                    |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 2017/18            | £        | 95,277,987         |
| 2018/19            | £        | 136,020,314        |
| 2019/20            | £        | 116,073,955        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>£</b> | <b>347,372,256</b> |

5. What is the individual success rate for feasibility, primer, early stage and late stage competitions for the period 2012/13 to 2019/20?

|   | <b>Number of applications</b> | <b>% success rate</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>2014/15</b>  | <b>21</b>                     | <b>31.34%</b>         |
| Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Early & Late Stage - Round 5                               | 9                             | 40.91%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Round 6  | 7                             | 29.17%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Late Stage - Round 7                                       | 5                             | 23.81%                |
| <b>2015/16</b>  | <b>18</b>                     | <b>17.31%</b>         |
| Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Early Stage - Round 8                                      | 5                             | 21.74%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Fund - Feasibility - Round 8                                      | 13                            | 16.05%                |
| <b>2016/17</b>  | <b>66</b>                     | <b>25.98%</b>         |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2016 - Early Stage Award  | 37                            | 23.87%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2016 - Feasibility Studies  | 29                            | 29.29%                |
| <b>2017/18</b>  | <b>74</b>                     | <b>15.98%</b>         |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 1 - Feasibility Studies                                | 17                            | 22.67%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 1 - Primer Award                                       | 11                            | 12.09%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2017 Round 4 - Primer Award                                       | 11                            | 11.83%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Round 2 - Late Stage Award  | 10                            | 12.82%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Early Stage   | 7                             | 12.73%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Feasibility Studies Award                               | 15                            | 22.06%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst Round 3 - Feasibility Studies Award - Precision Medicine Projects | 3                             | 100.00%               |
| <b>2018/19</b>  | <b>54</b>                     | <b>14.25%</b>         |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 1 - Feasibility Studies                                | 15                            | 16.13%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 1 - Early Stage Award                                  | 9                             | 10.00%                |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 2 - Late Stage   | 9                             | 21.43%                |

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| Biomedical Catalyst 2018 Round 2 - Primer Award                  | 14        | 15.73%       |
| Biomedical Catalyst Round 4 - Late Stage Award                   | 7         | 10.77%       |
| <b>2019/20</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>3.83%</b> |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2019 Round 1 - Early and Late Stage Awards   | 10        | 7.35%        |
| Biomedical Catalyst 2019 Round 1 - Feasibility and Primer Awards | 3         | 1.48%        |

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

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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: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

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Yours sincerely,

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