REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Thursday 10 November 2016.

Statement of information requested

My name is Henry Morris and I’m emailing on behalf of the University of Leicester Research Enterprise Division. I’m currently working on a project looking at the success rates of the University of Leicester in applying for research grants, with hope to also benchmark our success against other institutions.

I have looked through the available publications on the BBSRC’s website in hope of finding some raw data involving number of applications, number of funded applications, amount applied for, amount awarded. This kind of data is what we’re hoping to obtain to move the project forward.

Is it possible to obtain data of this sort from you? Ideally in a year-by-year breakdown. If it is hiding away on your website already and I have missed it, I apologise. All I have currently found is the amount awarded with various breakdowns on the yearly annual report accounts.

If it is not made available to institutions, I would greatly appreciate any signposting to some form of data we could use to similar effect.

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC’s budget for 2014/15 was £509M and it supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does hold the information requested.

Requested Information

All of the information you have requested is already available in the public domain. Please use the following link to access the BBSRC website to find application success rate information http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/post-application/success-rates/. This provides a summary of research grant applications and success rates by number and by value by year. Further information is provided in the pdf documents, contained within that site, giving a breakdown by research organisation, detailing the number and value of the applications received and funded along with the success rate by number and value.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.
Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

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If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.

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