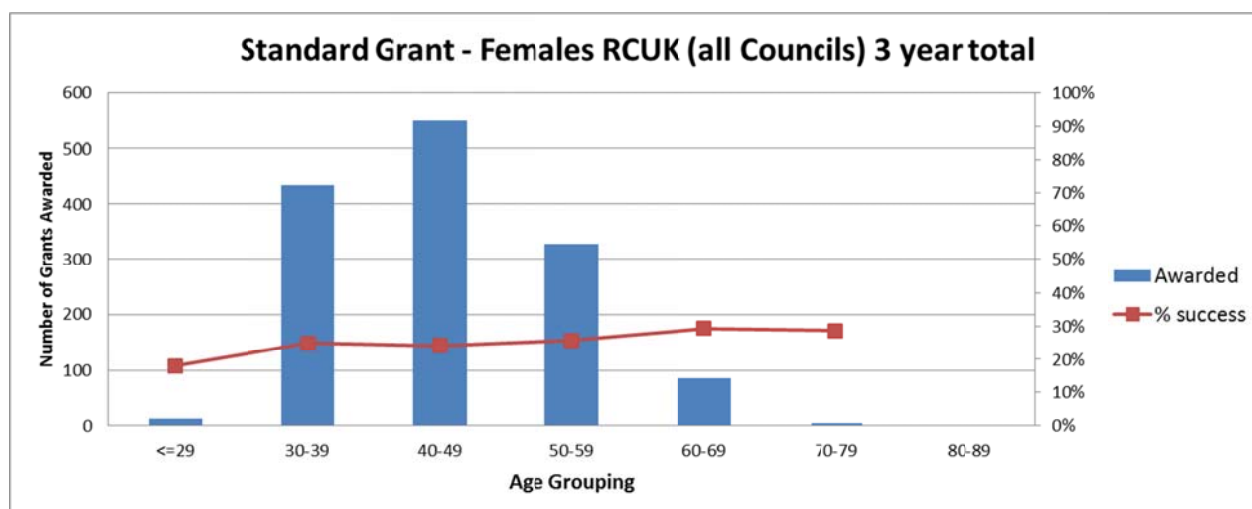
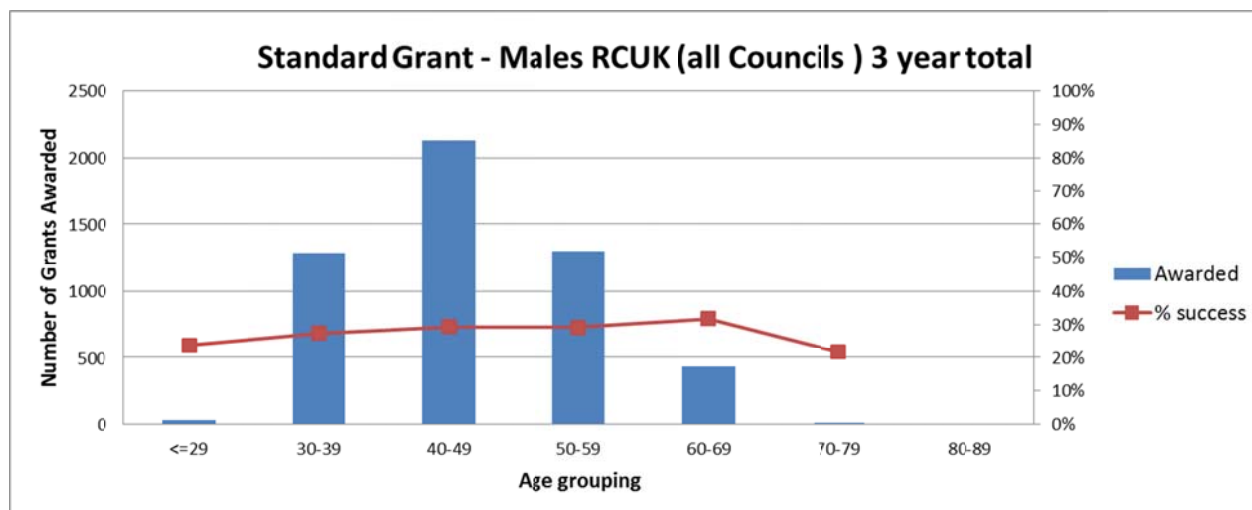


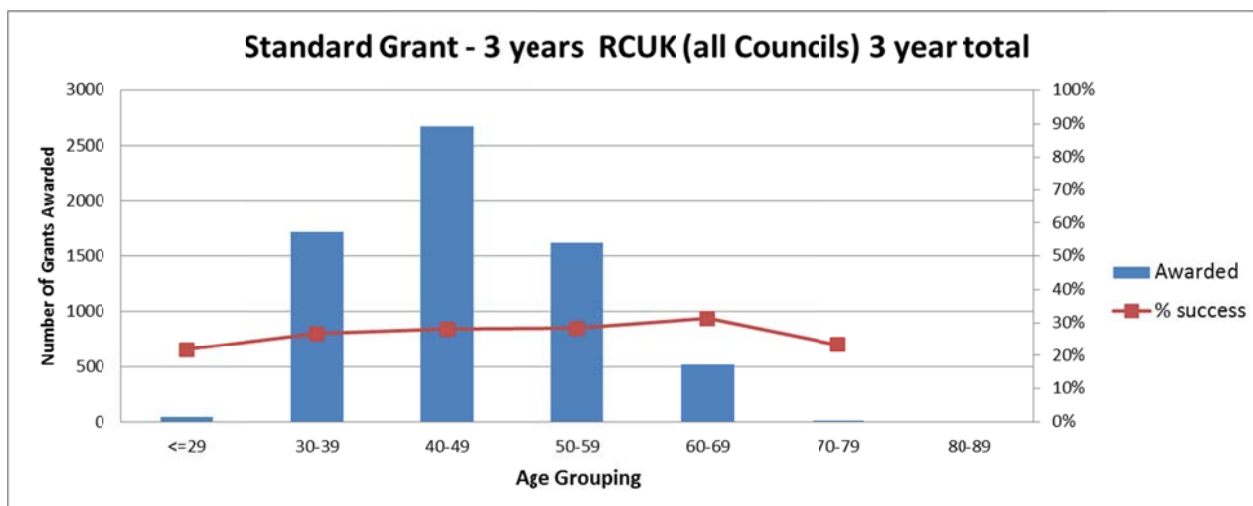
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The age distribution of grant holders shows a difference between the genders with 31% of female PIs being under 40 compared to 25% of male PIs. This pattern is broadly consistent with data on the age-distribution of UK Academic staff which also shows that the proportion of academics who are female decreased with age.

**Grants awarded and success rates<sup>1</sup> by gender and age for RCUK Standard Grants in financial years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.**



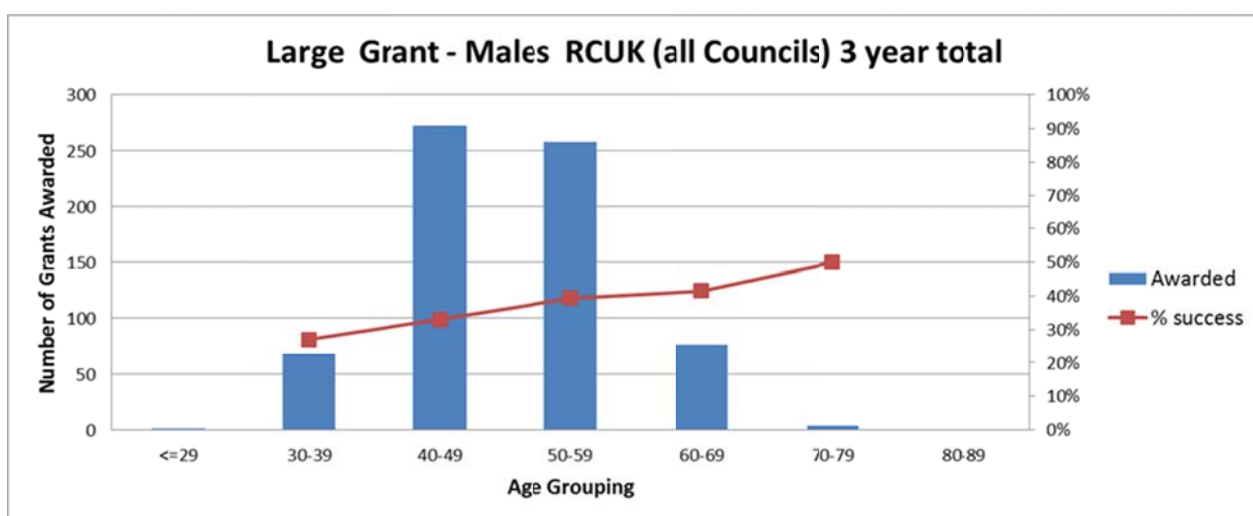
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Standard Grants includes all research grants received and awarded by the Research Councils excluding those which are both 4 years or longer in duration and £1million or more in value. Overall 23,861 grant proposals were received and 6646 grants awarded during the period – a success rate of 28%. Fewer females apply for grants 24% of the total and their success rate is slightly lower than for males (25% and 29% respectively). Success rates by age group do not show significant variation although there is some indication that for both females and males older applicants are slightly more successful.

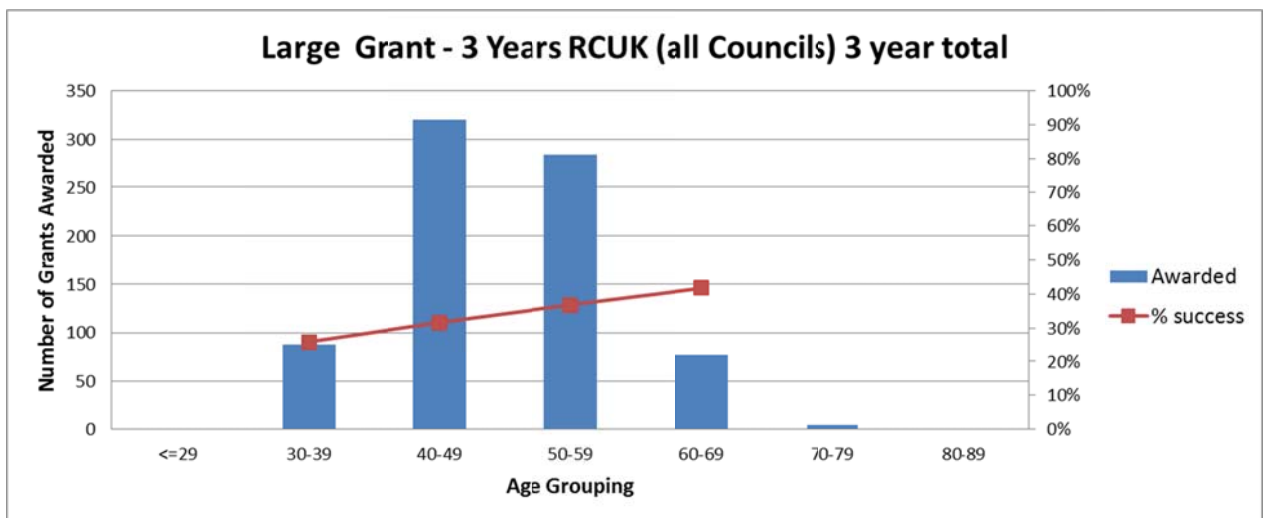
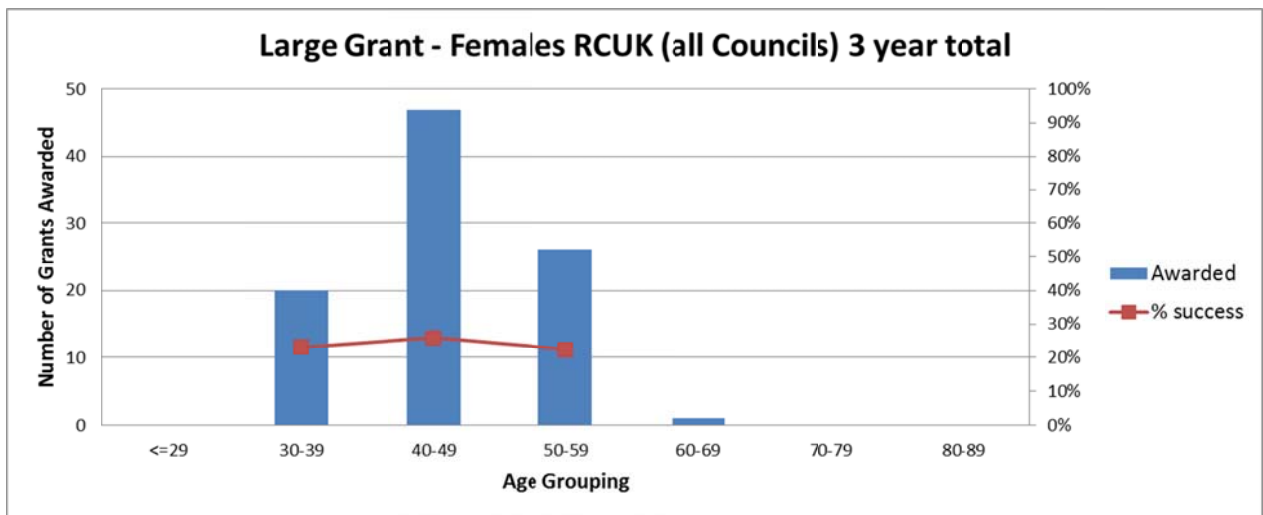
The age distribution of grant holders shows a difference between the genders with 31% of female PIs being under 40 compared to 25% of male PIs. (There is a corresponding reduction in the number of female PIs who are 50 or over.) This pattern is broadly consistent with data on the age-distribution of UK Academic staff which also shows that the proportion of academics who are female decreased with age (Equality in higher education: statistical report 2013: Part 1: Staff<sup>2</sup>, ECU 2013 page 222 figure 5.3).

### Grants awarded and success rates<sup>3</sup> by gender and age for RCUK Large Grants in financial years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.



<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/files/equality-in-he-statistical-report-2013-staff-for-printing.pdf/view>

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Large grants are those which are both 4 years or longer in duration and £1million or more in value. They are usually assessed through a peer review process that is more managed than for standard grants - this may include an outline stage prior to submission of a proposal. Outlines are not included in the calculation of success rates which are higher than for than standard grants. Overall 2312 grant proposals were received and 774 grants awarded during the period – a success rate of 33%. As with standard grants fewer females apply as PI although at 17% the figure is lower than for standard grants. The success rate for females is 24% compared to 38% for males - a greater difference that is seen in success rates for standard grants. There is a definite indication that older male applicants are more successful.

As with standard grants, the age distribution of grant holders shows a difference between the genders with 21% of female PIs being under 40 compared to 10% of male PIs. There is also a more marked reduction in the proportion of grant holders aged 50 or over who are women.