Incentives for Good research practice at the Swedish research council

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Overview

How does the Swedish research council work with incentives?

• “Good research practice”

• Ethical considerations in all applications

• Guiding questions on how to evaluate Ethical considerations

• General terms of grants

• Ethics policy (in the making)
Content

1. What Ethics dictates and the law demands
2. About research – what, why, how and for whom?
3. Ethics review and other permit reviews
4. Handling of research material – think first
5. Research collaboration
6. Publishing research results
7. Other roles of the researcher
8. Research misconduct
9. Key legislation and other regulations with which researcher should be familiar
Ethical considerations

Call text:

**Ethical considerations**
Describe the ethical issues raised by your project or corresponding. You must also describe how you plan to address ethical dilemmas that may arise. Please justify why the research should be carried out against the background of the ethical issues you have identified. How do your research questions and expected results measure up in relation to the ethical issues? Please also state whether the research involves any handling of personal data, or experiments on animals or human subjects. If no ethical issues are raised, please justify this.

- All applicants are asked to describe ethical consideration in the research that they apply for
- If no ethical aspects exists, they are asked to described why that is.
Guiding questions

- The standard evaluation criteria:
  - Scientific quality
  - Novelty and originality
  - Merits
  - Feasibility
  - Overall assessment
  - (Relevance for the call)

Scientific quality:

*How are questions regarding sex- and gender perspectives motivated and dealt with in the research plan?*
General terms of grants

Signed by the applicant and the administrating organisation

The applicant shall

- ensure the permits and approvals required have been obtained before the research is started. Examples of these are a permit from the Swedish Medical Products Agency or approval from an ethical review board or an ethical committee on animal experiments, and

- ensure that the research is conducted according to good research practice

6.1. Termination of grant

The Swedish Research Council may decide to terminate wholly or partly the payment of a grant awarded if

- the applicant or the administrating organisation has caused the grant to be awarded incorrectly or in too high an amount through providing incorrect information or in any other way,
- the grant has been awarded incorrectly or in too high an amount for some other reason, and the recipient should have realised this,
- the terms and conditions for the grant have not been complied with,
- scientific misconduct or other unethical behaviour has occurred, or
- the applicant has proved to be unsuitable to receive a grant from the Swedish Research Council through behaviour or other actions.
A collection of rules and guidelines

http://www.codex.vr.se/en
What’s next?

What's missing?

• Call on Research on Research integrity
  • At the moment: Evaluation of the topic

• Possibility to educate all reviews in Research integrity and ethics

• Ethics policy
  • Guidelines on how to deal with ethical deviations