The Swedish Research Council
Overview and current issues
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Selection of Swedish research funding organisations

Source: Each organisation's annual report 2014.
The role of the Swedish Research Council in the Swedish research system

• Provides funding for research of the highest scientific quality
• Overall responsibility for national research infrastructure
• Performs analyses and advises the government
• Promotes international collaborative research
• Coordinates and develops communication about the significance, results and conditions of research – research communication
Governance of the Swedish Research Council

- Law
- Instructions (indefinite)
- Research bill (every 4th year)
- Government directive (annual)
- Missions (“anytime”)
Call for application, assessment, decision

- 6,000 received applications
- 80 review panels
- 800 review panel members
Funding categories

• Research project funding
• Research environment and Research collaboration funding
• Career support funding
• Research infrastructure funding
• Operational grant funding
Distribution of forms of grants 2015
Total: 6 401 million SEK

- RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: 1917
- RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDING: 2 755
- RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT & RESEARCH COLLABORATION FUNDING: 1 042
- CAREER SUPPORT: 511
- INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION: 79
- OTHER: 97
Overall responsibility for research infrastructure

- Provides funding for national research infrastructures
- Member of international infrastructures and organisations
- Monitors and evaluates
- Develops strategies and plans
Assessment, analysis, research policy,..  

The Swedish Research Barometer

Citation impact of Swedish research within various research areas
Research Communication

• Support and inspire researchers in their research communication
• Provide arenas for research communication (forskning.se, Curie)
• Stimulate initiatives that contribute to research communication (Forskning och framsteg, Vetenskap och allmänhet)
• Follow and take part in international initiatives related to research communication
Special initiatives

• Clinical Studies Sweden - a joint infrastructure, creates conditions for cooperation between academia, health care and industry.
• Swedish National Data Services (SND) – an infrastructure for research in humanities, social sciences, medicine- and health sciences. The aim is to provide (open) access to research data.
• Registerforskning.se: targets researchers who want to use Swedish register data in their research.
Research and innovation bill, 2016

- Funding of basic research
- Research infrastructure
- Block funding and assessment of Swedish research
- Open Access
- National research programs
- Special initiatives
# Research bill, national research programs

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| Forskning inom humaniora och samhällsvetenskap                      | 40   |      | 20   |      | 60     |
| Datadriven forskning                                                |      | 20   | 20   |      | 40     |
| Biobanker och registerforskning                                      |      | 30   | 10   | 10   | 50     |
| Klinisk forskning                                                   |      | 25   | 5    | 5    | 40     |
| Forskning för jämlika villkor                                      |      | 10   |      | 10   | 20     |
| Forskarskolor för ökad forskningsanknytning inom lärarutbildningarna|      | 10   | 10   | 70   | 90     |
| Tillgängliggörande och användande av forskningsinfrastrukturer     |      | 30   | 10   |      | 40     |