The Icelandic Centre for Research





RANNIS provides support to the science community in Iceland

The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) supports research, technological development and innovation in Iceland. RANNIS reports to the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and cooperates with the Icelandic Science and Technology Policy Council with the purpose of providing professional assistance in the preparation and implementation of the science and technology policy in Iceland. RANNIS serves the Icelandic science community across all areas of science and the humanities.

- RANNIS operates the financial support system for research and technological development
- RANNIS provides services and information to the Science and Technology Policy Council
- RANNIS coordinates and promotes Icelandic participation in collaborative international projects in science and technology
- RANNIS monitors resources and performance in research and innovation, evaluating the results and impact of scientific research, technological development and innovation
- RANNIS promotes public awareness of research and innovation in Iceland



FUNDING

The main national competitive funds and research

programmes administered by RANNIS are the following:

- Icelandic Research Fund
- Equipment Fund
- Technology Development Fund
- Icelandic Research Fund for Graduate Students
- Icelandic Student Innovation Fund
- Fund for Non-fiction Writers
- Strategic Research programme for Centres of Excellence and Research Clusters
- Strategic Research programme for Postgenomic Biomedicine and Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

ANALYSIS

RANNIS monitors resources and performance in research, development and innovation by carrying out statistical analysis and evaluation. This involves the following tasks:

- Gathering information on research, development, innovation and related activities
- Carrying out studies related to the knowledge society and its infrastructure
- Evaluating the impact of science, technology and innovation on society
- Assessing the impact of programmes and competitive funds on research and development
- Providing indicators and input for national research policy
- Participating in international benchmarking and policy related projects

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

RANNIS coordinates and promotes Icelandic participation in international programmes for research and innovation by coordinating the following programmes at national level:

- EU's Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development
- COST European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research
- ESF European Science Foundation
- EMBO/EMBL European Molecular Biology Organisation
- EURAXESS mobility portal for researchers
- ERA-NET cooperation networks of national funding bodies
- Jules Verne mobility cooperation with France
- NordForsk The Nordic Research Council
- NOS Joint committees of the Nordic Research Councils in specific science fields
- NICe Nordic Innovation Centre

PROMOTION

RANNIS promotes public awareness of research and innovation in Iceland and disseminates information about funding and cooperation opportunities. RANNIS links science and society through numerous events and awards:

- Researchers' Night
- Science Cafés
- Research Conferences
- Annual Innovation Congress
- Science Communication Award
- Motivation Award for Young Scientists
- Innovation Award
- Scientist on Loan



