What does responsible research funding look like?

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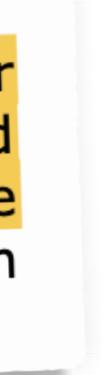
Funders have a key role



Funding agencies also use rankings, sometimes abundantly. However, unlike the other actors, private funding charities are not ranked, and public, national, funders are ranked only indirectly, through their own country. As a result, funders in general enjoy more latitude than the other actors in scholarly communication and publishing. The European



https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/ publication/464477b3-2559-11e9-8d04-01aa75ed71a1



Funders, DORA and research culture

Science's new social contract with society 1999

Michael Gibbons

Under the prevailing contract between science and society, science has been expected to produce 'reliable' knowledge, provided merely that it communicates its discoveries to society. A new contract must now ensure that scientific knowledge is 'socially robust', and that its production is seen by society to be both transparent and participative.

https://www.nature.com/articles/35011576

How research is done matters as much as research outputs such as papers

Funders should strive to foster a values-based research culture (one that is open and inclusive), and do so in consultation with researchers and the public

> https://sfdora.org/2020/08/18/the-intersectionsbetween-dora-open-scholarship-and-equity/

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Open **Scholarship**

Focus on outputs: qualities and varieties

DORA: reform of research assessment Research culture: people & values

Bias & injustice:

challenging history

& stereotypes

Who has a say? Who gets in? Who has the power?

> **Equity &** inclusion





Key recommendations

- Develop a credibly holistic approach to research(er) assessment
 - Adopt/experiment with narrative CVs (see other contributors)
 - Reward team-building and leadership
 - Take a hard line on bullying and harassment
 - Incentivise and support open science practices (e.g. recognise) the value of preprints in funding applications; support data sharing)
- Build trust in their assessment procedures:
 - quantitative & qualitative information is used in assessing applications/applicants
 - Share case studies of funding successes that are independent of JIFs or H-indices

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• Open up: provide a clearer & more realistic picture of how May also stimulate more informed debate about RA practice





Thank you

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> Let's change what we value in research.



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