

National Chapter: Sweden

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Introduction

Objectives:

This proposal is a major effort between SUHF, the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions, and national research funders in Sweden to work together to find common grounds on the definitions and criteria how to assess research in the future. While SUHF and the Swedish Research Council (SRC) have since 2021 arranged annual workshops where the whole sector have been involved in discussions on defining the major obstacles, there is now an emergent need to move forward.

In 2022, SUHF appointed a working group with the task of developing a national framework for merit assessment at Swedish higher education institutions, triggered also by the call for an updated Open Science strategy. Since this work is not only focusing on research merits but university teachers and researchers' full-ranged achievements, major funders are not actively participating in this work. Thus, there is a need for parallel work focusing more clearly on research merits and promoting the exchange of experiences and models for successful management and implementation of new standards between universities and funders. Therefore, Swedish signatories of CoARA have agreed to work at the national level to identifying common standards for assessment of research. We see advantages in gathering the overall national work together with the National chapter, and we intend to actively contribute our on-going work and implemented "good examples" with the whole CoARA family.

List of all affiliated organisations

1. The Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions, SUHF
2. Swedish Research Council, SRC (Vetenskapsrådet)
3. The Swedish Research Council for the Environment, Agricultural Science and Spatial Planning (Formas)
4. Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovative Systems (Vinnova)
5. Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (Forte)
6. Dalarna University
7. Karlstad University
8. Kristianstad University

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9. Linköping University
 10. Linnaeus University
 11. Lund University
 12. Mid Sweden University
 13. Malmö University
 14. Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
 15. Stockholm University
 16. Södertörn University
 17. Umeå University
 18. University of Gävle
 19. Knowledge Foundation (KK-stiftelsen)
 20. The Young Academy of Sweden
 21. Open Science Community Sweden
 22. Research Sweden
 23. Swedish Reproducibility Network
 24. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
 25. Karolinska Institutet (KI)
- Swedish Higher Education Authority (UKÄ) (observer)