Science Europe Activities on Research Assessment Processes

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Both organisations have now completed studies of their related to research assessment processes which together provides a unique perspective and snapshot of the current research assessment system in Europe.

Both studies point to the need for substantial and concerted change to the way research and researchers are assessed.
Consideration of the need for substantial changes to the research assessment system is timely and links well with other ongoing initiatives...
Science Europe recommendations

1. What approaches are used to assess and select proposals and researchers in a transparent and robust manner?

Recommendations focus to continual need to improve transparency and clarity of all aspects of assessment processes, and the need to monitor and regularly evaluate the processes implemented.

2. What are the challenges that research organisations face during assessment processes

Recommendations in this section focus on the need to continually address bias, discrimination, and unfair treatment in assessment processes, the cost and efficiency of such processes, and the time and effort burdens placed on reviewers and applicants.

3. What are the current developments in the assessment of research proposals and researchers?

Recommendations relate to developments supporting qualitative assessments, the implementation of novel assessment techniques and promotion of evidence-based knowledge sharing and mutual learning between research organisations. Finally, the recommendations highlight considerations for organisations who are (or are planning) to implement challenge-oriented programmes.
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