Rannís (Icelandic Science Council) applications
• General instructions
• All materials must be in English
• Application form
  – Appendix A: Project description
  – Viðauki B: CVs
  – Viðauki C: Budget/ Cost explanation
Project description

• <Up to 15 pages
• a. State of the art/ of knowledge and ability at present.
• b. Aims of the project, and its innovative nature (what’s new about it?).
• c. Methodology, detailed work and time plan.
• d. Cooperation (local/ international).
• e. The role played by PhD and MA students in the project.
• f. Gains and likely profits/ offshoots.
• g. Likely publication of conclusions.
Project description

- Written for peer review
  - Important features: Aims should be well outlined (research questions) and not too many!

- Originality/ Innovative nature
  - Clear research plan, description of research methodology (how it will be done)
  - Relationship to the research questions (why do it)
  - Description of various parts of project (methods used, breadth)
  - Plans for each part (dating, who does what, expectations of success)
Project description

– Describe cooperation within the project
– Outline and explain the expected gains that can be attained from the use of the conclusions of the project
  • Explain where and how the conclusions of the project will be made public and published (evaluate in relationship to the CVs of earlier publications)
CVs

– CVs of project leader and other applicants
  • Important that the CV confirms ability
  • The list of publications by applicants will support the planned publication of conclusions

– If your own CV is weak, may be good to get co-applicants with good CVs
• What matters most?
  • Realistic but ambitious research plan
  • Clear realistic aims
  • Originality/ innovation
  • Clear detailed research plan
  • CVS

– A clear, realistic, well laid out plan
• **What else can help?**
  – Get colleagues to read over
  – Place emphasis on putting together a clear text (even though peers are reading it through)
    • Sharp, well organised, disciplined presentation of background and methodology
    • No unnecessary information
    • “Sell the idea” immediately in the introduction

– **Have some external funding**
  • Make sensible suggestions of good evaluators
  • Not friends and relations
  • Not enemies or important types who are unlikely to agree to read over