

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