

# Other strategic plans and policy documents

In its role as an advisory body on research policy issues, a central task of the Research Council is to initiate and prepare strategic plans and policy documents for individual disciplines, subject areas and research topics. Such documents may be drawn up to stipulate specific research-policy priorities, or may be formulated in response to an evaluation of the relevant research community.

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## Thematic strategies and policy documents

### The Research Council's policy for basic research

The Research Council promotes basic research that expands research frontiers and contributes to scientific renewal, but considers it crucial to include basic research in contexts involving issues of benefit to society as well. For this reason, it is important that the Research Council promotes basic research both via thematically oriented initiatives and via initiatives with an independent, non-thematic basis.

**Download** (in Norwegian with English summary): [The Research Council's policy for basic research 2015-2020](#)

### The Research Council's strategy for the research institute sector 2014–2018

The overall objective of the strategy is that the Research Council will, through indirect management, help to strengthen and further develop the role of the research institutes as suppliers of high quality research of relevance for application within trade and industry, the public administration, and society at large. The strategy is targeted primarily towards research institutes that receive basic funding from the Research Council, but it is relevant for other research institutes as well.

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### The Research Council's policy for R&D at university colleges 2014–2018

The purpose of this policy is to help the university colleges to optimise their R&D activity in relation to current objectives and framework conditions, as well as to promote and highlight the potential of the university colleges to contribute across the full breadth of the Research Council's programmes and instruments.

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### Regional policy 2014–2018

The Research Council has been involved in regional research activity since the 1990s. This regional policy represents a milestone in these efforts.

The objective of the regional policy is to link regional knowledge building, knowledge dissemination and innovation to the Research Council's other activities in order to enhance research quality and promote internationalisation, among other things.

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### Norwegian polar research, Research Policy 2014–2023

Norway's interests in the Arctic and Antarctic and its national as well as international commitments carry with them an added responsibility to develop the knowledge needed to ensure sound management and responsible economic activity in the polar regions. Such knowledge is also crucial for Norway's ability to play a leading role in international negotiations involving issues related to climate, natural resources and the environment.

**Download:** [Norwegian polar research](#)

## **Innovation Strategy for the Research Council of Norway 2011–2014**

The Research Council's first specific strategy on innovation puts an emphasis on the need for more innovation in the public sector, the importance of a broad national knowledge base, as well as on the need for an increased effort in areas where Norway excels and for new momentum in areas that need improvement.

**Download:** [Innovation Strategy for the Research Council of Norway 2011-2014](#) (PDF-78.9 KB)

## **Research strategy for the Northern Areas**

The Research Council's strategy for the Northern Areas, *forskning.nord.to*, established the framework for wide-ranging, dynamic research activity within and for the High North. Research relevant to the Northern Areas is to be incorporated into and closely integrated between the entire range of the Research Council's activities. The strategy for the Northern Areas is placed in a broad-based social context, and clarifies key questions relating to priority areas, internationalisation, funding and organisation.

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## **National strategy for research infrastructure**

With state of the art [research infrastructure](#) at its disposal, the Norwegian research community can ensure adequate recruitment of new researchers, as well as promote Norway as an attractive partner for international research cooperation and a desirable choice when domestic and international companies are considering where to conduct their research activities.

## **The Research Council's principles for open access to scientific publications**

Ensuring open access to published research results has become an increasingly important research policy objective. The Research Council's principles for open access to scientific publications (revised 2014) provide overall guidelines for efforts to meet this objective.

[Read more about the principles and download the document.](#)

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