

For a favorable framework for responsible and ethical research

The French National Research Agency (ANR) principles

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DEFINITION

Ethic: A reflective approach to research in terms of its values and aims, and in particular the questions raised by scientific progress and its repercussions on society.

Scientific integrity: All the rules and values that must govern research activity to ensure that it is honest and scientifically rigorous.

Deontology: Code of conduct comprising all the duties and rules governing the exercise of the agency's professions and missions.

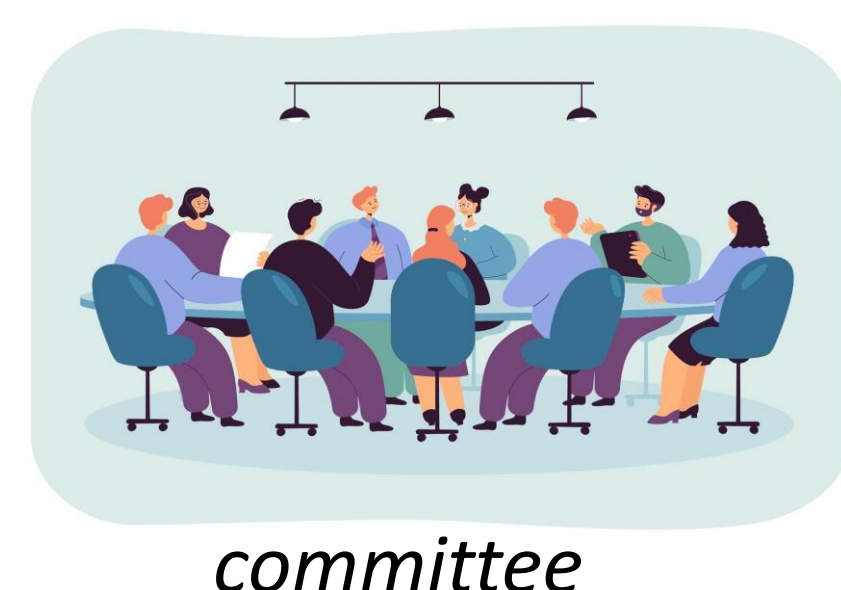
BACKGROUND & AIM

The ANR funds and promotes the development of basic and targeted research, technological innovation, technology transfer and public-private partnerships. The ANR organizes competitive calls for proposals and conducts rigorous selection processes based on peer review, in compliance with international standards: impartiality, equal treatment, confidentiality, ethics, scientific integrity and transparency. Research integrity is a keystone of the French national research funding organisation's missions.

The purpose of the policies on ethic, research integrity and deontology presented here is to set out the principles deployed by the ANR and the procedures put in place. The agency promotes honest and responsible conduct of research. We believe that our transparent guidelines should reinforce the society bond of trust in science.

Scope of the ANR

Ethic in the proposals



committee

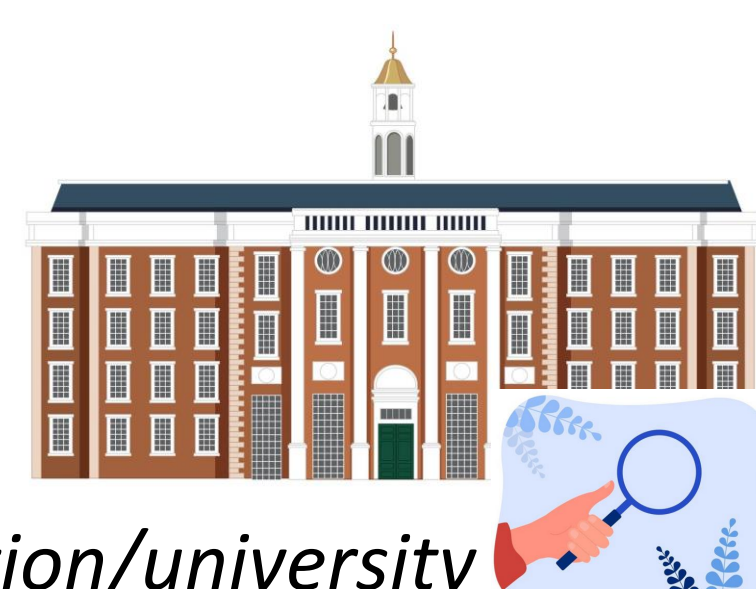
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The committee members should discuss and reach a conclusion.

If the committee needs, the ANR may ask to the applicant for relevant information to help the committee with the decision-making process.

Breach in scientific integrity

Occured during the funded project



Institution/university



The employer should proceed with the investigation and inform the ANR about the conclusion and potential sanction(s).

Occured during the evaluation procedure



The ANR investigates with reported and established facts, arguments with verifications, analyses of the facts. Ad hoc committee might be created to discuss and decide. The ANR informs the accused person and the employer.

Deontology Conflict of Interest



member



COI



Every committee member have to sign a mandatory confidentiality agreement and a mandatory declaration of conflict of interest. The committee member has to leave the room/meeting during the discussion of a project to which he/she has a COI.

Possible sanctions from ANR : ban on submitting a proposal; ban on evaluating; repayments of funds

CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVE

Responsible research conduct is a key factor in ensuring the quality and influence of research, in the sustainability of public investment and, in maintaining a bond of trust and transparency with society on the use of public funds. This is important to share our principles to influence each other for better practices to enhance trustworthiness of research.