



## Invitation

11-12 October 2021

# Funders Forum & RoRI Consortium meeting

Favrholm, Roskildevej 58, Hillerød, Copenhagen

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We would like to invite your Foundation to participate in the next Funders Forum, hosted by the Novo Nordisk Fonden in the Capital Region of Denmark. This will be an historic meeting for our research funding community, since it will be our first physical meeting after 1½ years of virtual meetings and it has been 3½ years since we last met in Funders Forum. We are looking forward to finally seeing you again.

We hope that you find great value in joining this meeting with interesting discussions on the societal impact of research funding, impact management in Foundations, data sharing and collaborations on research on research.

The Funders Forum 2021 will take place on 11 October. It will focus on approaches to impact analyses, collaborations among funders, the next level of impact and the future challenges of research funders in measuring the societal impact of our investments in research. Funders Forum 2021 will combine roundtable discussions, keynotes from international speakers, workshops and social networking. On the second day, the RoRI Consortium will meet and discuss the future of RoRI and the progress of the three RoRI collaboration themes: Decision making, research careers and research cultures.

The overall purpose of Funders Forum is to have open and enriching discussions among high-level research funders regarding the knowledge on the practice of research (referred to as 'Research on Research'). This area has been an evolving discipline in recent years, which draws on a range of interdisciplinary methods to understand and improve how research is funded, practiced and evaluated. Research on Research takes an evidence-led approach that seeks to maximise the efficiency, effectiveness, fairness and impact of research.

The potential insights that can be gained through such 'meta-research' approaches can help funders to promote increased transparency in funding practices, optimise resource allocation, inform best practice, set science and research policy, and maximise the impact of investments in research.

Funders Forum was established in 2016 by a group of the leading research funders in Europa. At the last Funders Forum meeting in 2018, hosted by Wellcome Trust, it was agreed that the theme of the next meeting should be impact assessment, and it was decided that the Novo Nordisk Foundation should host the next meeting.

On 12 October, the international consortium Research on Research Institute (RoRI) will convene. RoRI was established in 2019 to collaborate on concrete research projects and data sharing to advance research on how research systems can be made more effective, open and inclusive. The vision and aims of RoRI are to share policies, practice, experiences and challenges, present research evidence that could improve funder policies and practice and collaborate on future meta-research or research-on-research (RoR) studies.




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## Location

**Farvholm Campus**  
Roskildevej 58  
3400 Hillerød  
Denmark

# SUNDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup> Funders Forum

Time	Topic
From 15.00	<p><b>Chek-in at Farvholm Campus</b></p> <p><b>How to find Farvholm campus</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> <b>Farvholm Campus</b> Roskildevej 58 3400 Hillerød Denmark</p> <p>Favrholm campus is located 50 km from Copenhagen Airport and 35 km north of the centre of Copenhagen.</p> <p>The campus is 3 km from Hillerød railway station.</p> <p>A taxi from Hillerød railway station will cost approximately 120 DKK. You can call a taxi at +45 4848 4848.</p> <p>At Favrholm, we provide easy and free parking.</p> <p><b>Contact Novo Nordisk Conference Centres</b> Call us: +45 4442 4440</p>
18.00	 <b>Dinner</b>
	<p><b>Welcome</b>                      Søren Nedergaard                      COO, Novo Nordisk Fonden.</p>

## Note

You have the opportunity to check-in Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 14.00 or Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00-9.00


# MONDAY, October 11<sup>th</sup>

## Funders Forum

Time	Topic						
08.00 - 09.00	<b>Chek-in at Farvholm Campus</b> For guests who did not arrive Sunday						
07.00 - 08.00	 <b>Morning gym, Yoga or jogging</b>						
08.00 - 09:00	 <b>Breakfast</b>						
09.00 - 09.20	<b>Welcome</b> Thomas Alslev Christensen Senior Vice President, impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.						
	<b>Keynote greetings</b> Dr. Chonnetia Jones Vice President, Research, MSFHR.						
09.20 - 11.30	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>How do funders work with measuring effects of the research financing?</b>  <b>Praxis and experience on impact management/assessment in research financing foundations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do we want to achieve with impact assessment?</li><li>• How do we work with impact assessment and what have we learned so far?</li><li>• What are the major barriers for success?</li></ul> <b>Presenters:</b> <table><tbody><tr><td>Daniel Goroff</td><td>Vice President and Program Director, Sloan Foundation.</td></tr><tr><td>Anne-Maree Dowd</td><td>Executive Manager, Performance &amp; Evaluation, CSIRO.</td></tr><tr><td>Sarah Parks</td><td>Evaluation Lead, UK Research and Innovation, UKRI.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Daniel Goroff	Vice President and Program Director, Sloan Foundation.	Anne-Maree Dowd	Executive Manager, Performance & Evaluation, CSIRO.	Sarah Parks	Evaluation Lead, UK Research and Innovation, UKRI.
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11.30 - 13.00	 <b>Lunch</b>						

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## Funders Forum

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13.00 - 14.30	<p><b>SESSION 2</b> <b>How can funders optimize their work with collecting, handling and using data for analysis purpose?</b></p> <p><b>Collecting, handling and using data for analysis purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why and how do we collect data, what platforms are used by funders in collecting data and what are the barriers?</li><li>• How do you use data for impact management?</li></ul> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Adam B Jaffe</td><td>Fred C Hecht Professor in Economics Emeritus, Brandeis University, Adjunct Professor, Queensland University of Technology, Senior Research Fellow, Motu Research.</td></tr><tr><td>Sarah Thomas</td><td>Insight and Evaluation Lead, NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC).</td></tr><tr><td>Christian Edelvold Berg</td><td>Senior Analyst, Ph.d. The Danish Foundation Knowledge Center.</td></tr><tr><td>Juste Stumbryte</td><td>Data Manager, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><b>Presentation of Foundgood</b> A new system developed by Novo Nordisk Fonden to collect data from grantees</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Rasmus Vendelbo Lund Jensen</td><td>Senior Impact Partner, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Adam B Jaffe	Fred C Hecht Professor in Economics Emeritus, Brandeis University, Adjunct Professor, Queensland University of Technology, Senior Research Fellow, Motu Research.	Sarah Thomas	Insight and Evaluation Lead, NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC).	Christian Edelvold Berg	Senior Analyst, Ph.d. The Danish Foundation Knowledge Center.	Juste Stumbryte	Data Manager, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.	Rasmus Vendelbo Lund Jensen	Senior Impact Partner, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.
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14.30 - 14.45	 <b>Coffee break</b>										

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14.45 - 17.00	<p><b>SESSION 3</b></p> <p>Today we have access to more diverse and sophisticated data and analytic tools than ever before - relating to multiple dimensions of research and researcher performance, outcomes and impacts. But are we making proper use of these advances to inform policy and decision making?</p> <p><b>From instinct to evidence: 'what works' in research funding and evaluation?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can we implement transformative &amp; translational research on research in our organisations for more effective funding and evaluation?</li><li>• How can we optimize collaboration, experimentation, sharing and scaling of new knowledge on effective research funding?</li><li>• How can we as funders help to increase the uptake and implementation of research findings and insights from trials, experiments and other interventions?</li></ul> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Thomas Alslev Christensen</td><td>Senior Vice President, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.</td></tr><tr><td>James Wilsdon</td><td>Digital Science Professor of Research Policy Information School, University of Sheffield.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Thomas Alslev Christensen	Senior Vice President, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.	James Wilsdon	Digital Science Professor of Research Policy Information School, University of Sheffield.
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19.30	 <b>Dinner</b>				

# TUESDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>


## RoRI consortium meeting

Time	Topic
07.30 - 08.30	 <b>Morning gym, Yoga or jogging</b>
08.30 - 09.30	 <b>Breakfast</b>
09.30 - 09.50	<b>Welcome</b> Dr. James Wilsdon,      Director, Research on Research Institute (RoRI). Digital Science Professor of Research Policy. Information School, University of Sheffield.
09.50 - 11.30	<b>SESSION 1:</b> <b>Research funding through the COVID decade: post-pandemic strategies, priorities and politics</b>  Research funders, institutions and, of course, researchers themselves have shown impressive agility in their responses to COVID-19 over the past 18 months. Resources have been mobilised at great speed, often through novel funding instruments, to support vital research into the acute health and social challenges the crisis has generated.  This session will look beyond these immediate responses to consider ways in which the pandemic is likely to influence the longer-term policies and priorities of research funders through what some have dubbed the 'COVID decade'. The new work by the RoRI consortium in this area will be summarised, followed by a perspective from the Novo Nordisk Foundation.  <b>Presenters:</b> Sarah de Ricke      Professor of Science and Evaluation Studies and Director of CWTS, University of Leiden & RoRI.  James Wilsdon      Director, Research on Research Institute (RoRI). Digital Science Professor of Research Policy, Information School University of Sheffield.  Thomas Alslev Christensen      Senior Vice President, Impact, Novo Nordisk Foundation.
11.30 - 12.30	 <b>Lunch</b>



# TUESDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>

## RoRI consortium meeting

Time	Topic
12.30 - 14.00	<p><b>SESSION 2:</b> <b>The power of partnerships: why the toughest challenges in research systems need cross-sector collaboration</b></p> <p>A number of high-priority and seemingly-intractable challenges in research cultures - for example, around review and evaluation, rewards and incentives, diversity and inclusion – makes it clearer than ever that these can't be resolved through the actions and intentions of any one set of actors. Research systems are complex, interdependent and highly interactional, and effective ways of improving them are likely to emerge from collaborative, cross-sector learning and exchange. This isn't always easy, and can require funders, publishers, platforms and others to move outside their 'comfort zones' and take risks in their approach to partnerships and experimentation. This session will explore some early and emerging lessons from RoRI work in this area, including on novel approaches to peer review.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Daniel Hook CEO, Digital Science. Ludo Waltman Professor of Quantitative Science studies, University of Leiden.</p> <hr/> <p><b>EDI</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Chris Shillum ORCID.</p> <p><b>Sustainability in scholarly publishing</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Miriam Maus IOP Publishing.</p> <p><b>Research excellence</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Lisette Jong University of Leiden Stephen Pinfield University of Sheffield.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 and scholarly communication</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Ludo Waltman University of Leiden Stephen Pinfield University of Sheffield.</p>
14.00 - 14.30	 <b>Coffee break</b>
14.30 - 16.00	<p><b>SESSION 3:</b> <b>RoRI Phase 2: plans, possibilities and next steps</b></p> <p>This session provides us with an opportunity to update the consortium on areas of emerging consensus, and to explore further options for Phase 2 governance, strategy and operations from 2022 onwards. Concrete project ideas for Phase 2 are to be refined, some of which may extend work from the pilot phase, while others take us in new directions. This session will be highly interactive and is an opportunity to influence RoRI's direction and work for the next five years!</p>
16.00	<b>Goodbye</b>