

## **Proposal for the Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC) to adhere to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)**

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With the aim of improving how funding agencies, academic institutions, and other groups evaluate scientific research, a group of academic journal editors convened during the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) in San Francisco, California, on December 16, 2012. This group developed a set of recommendations known as the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment.

Currently, over two thousand institutions, organizations, agencies, universities, and research centers across all disciplines have endorsed this Declaration, which includes a series of suggestions to enhance how the quality of scientific output is evaluated.

In its 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, ICAC has set objectives to attract internationally profiled talent and create new senior researcher positions (R4) with fixed-term contracts, solidified by the approval of the Research Career Guidelines at ICAC. This effort emphasizes evaluating impactful research rigorously and accurately measuring scientific output, crucial for the institute's pursuit of excellence in human resources for research.

Therefore, it is deemed appropriate for ICAC to align with the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment, an action that undoubtedly contributes to advancing initiatives linked to the Research Human Resources Excellence Seal recently awarded to the institute.

Given these considerations, the governing body of ICAC approves the institute's adherence to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment.

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