Scientific Advisory Panel  
The Scientific Advisory Panel at the Department of Political Science and Public Management consists of experienced researchers who provide their expertise in project development and management to nurture, develop, and improve colleagues’ project ideas and proposals. Thus, the panel offers

1. advise on project development
2. review of fully developed project proposal

Everyone – and especially scholars with limited experience with external funding – is encouraged to submit work to the advisory panel. It is entirely optional for the individual researcher to use the panel, but holders of internal pre-grants are obliged to use the panel for advice.

**Please contact Kristina Bøhnke at isti@sam.sdu.dk, the department fundraiser, if you are applying for funding, as she will assist you throughout the entire application process. Kristina also administers the panel. You can use the panel for all kinds of funding instruments.**

## Advisory meetings (advise on research project pitch)

If you have a project idea, it might be very beneficial to have experienced colleagues help in improving the research concepts and implementation plans. When signing up for an advisory meeting, the panel will in a forthright, positive, constructive and ‘open mode’ dialogue give feedback on your presentation of the project. A meeting will typically take no more than one hour and will play out as follows:

*Before the meeting:*

* The applicant forwards a research project ‘pitch’ to the panel – following the template attached to this document
* The selected panel members briefly read and consider the forwarded pitch

*At the advisory meeting:*

* The applicant gives a 10-15 min. presentation of the research project idea, addressing aspects such as project contributions, feasibility, theoretical foundation, and any other relevant aspects listed below
* Each panel member asks initial or clarifying questions and the applicant can briefly answer
* Open feedback dialogue between applicant and panel members

The panel members will be dedicated to creating a pleasant, constructive and creative atmosphere. They may provide input on the following aspects, according to the nature of the project and the applicant’s expressed interests:

* Scientific progress, innovation and originality (theoretical, methodological and/or empirical)
* Project feasibility
* Theoretical foundation
* Societal relevance or impact
* Fit with funding instrument
* International collaboration
* Multi- or interdisciplinary collaboration

The panel will consist of experienced researchers with grant or grant evaluation experience and the department’s fundraiser. The size of panel may vary but will consist of minimum two researchers.

Deadline for handing in a project pitch is (meetings are held within three weeks after the deadlines)

1 May 2019

15 August 2019

1 December 2019

## Application peer reviews (advise on fully developed project proposals)

The panel also offers peer counselling, by providing written commentaries on the full application – with a special focus on the scientific parts. The department’s fundraiser assists during the application writing process, primarily by providing structure, bettering the communication of the project, making sure the narrative is clear-cut, and, to some extent, helping in making the argumentation consistent and convincing. However, for the task of providing actual scientific feedback, peers are much more qualified. Moreover, a central idea is to provide feedback from fellow researchers who are not experts in you field to “test” the proposal in a forum that mimics the board of most funding instruments.

If interested, you may have your application reviewed by two panel members. There are no fixed deadlines for handing in a project proposal for review, but please contact Kristina as early in your process as possible for her to plan common meetings and find time in the panel members’ calendars.

## Panel members

Robert Klemmensen

Christilla Roederer-Rynning

Erik Albæk

Trine Flockhart

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard

Olivier Schmitt

NB: Additional members might be added permanently or in connection to specific tasks.