

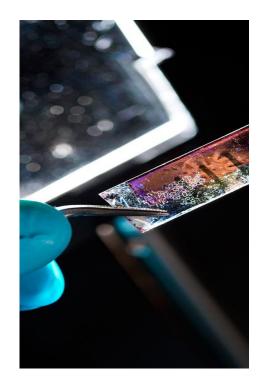
TUT RAE 2017

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Evaluation of research activities, of the people who conduct the research and of the potential found in both the activities and people.

> geared firmly towards the future



Assessment methodology

Voluntary and selective:

- Researchers were invited to form Research Communities (RC)
 - Independent of organizational structures
 - Included researchers also from University of Tampere
- Internal review to decide which RCs were evaluated in the international research assessment
 - 30 applied, 20 were accepted



General comments: methodology

TUT RAE 2017 was truly all about science, structural and other general university-level issues were not the focus.

Complements on the bottom-up approach

- Ideal to let researchers decide what is the unit to be assessed (=RC)
- BUT, the lack of organizational structure also received criticism



And then what?

The focus of the assessment was research and researchers, the unit of assessment was a research community → Development measures are tailored for each RC, based on the panel's assessment and suggestions →

Vice-president Takala met all Heads of RCs in September

- How will the RC use the assessment report
- What kind of support is needed from TUT
- → Requests concerning extra resources were granted to the best RCs

