1. The Trustees should ensure that the scope and content of the research both fall within the charity's objects and are an effective means of carrying out those objects.

2. The Trustees must evaluate the research proposals with regard to:
   a) the academic qualifications or standing, qualities and abilities of the researcher and/or research institution:
   b) the quality and utility of the research proposals;
   c) the suitability of the methodology by which the research will be carried out;
   d) the appropriateness of the level of funding requested.

   Although it is for the Trustees to satisfy themselves as to these matters, where they do not have the expertise within their own number to carry out an effective evaluation of research proposals, they should seek external advice and recommendations on the proposals from appropriately qualified persons (peer review). Where practical, such persons should be independent of the researcher, and/or research institution should be independent of the researcher and/or the research institution applying for the grant.

   Where any ethical considerations arise from research proposals, appropriate approval must be obtained before an award is made.

3. There should be written agreement between the charity, the researcher and the research institution or other body receiving funds to undertake the research (the employer) setting out the terms and conditions of the grant. The written agreement should specify the responsibilities of the researcher, and the research and the application of the charity's funds.

   Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the employer undertakes responsibility for the supervision of the researchers who conduct the research and for ensuring that all legal and contractual requirements relating to the research are met.

4. The agreement should provide for the Trustees to be informed of the progress of the research, for example, by requirement of such progress reports consistent with the nature and length of the research. The agreement should provide also for the administration and monitoring of the funds for the research during the terms of the agreement.
5. Trustees who have funded the research have a general duty to ensure that the results are disseminated. Publication of scientific work is in any event part of the process of scientific discovery and is not an end in itself. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, those who carry out the research have a right to publish the results of their academic freedom.

6. It is the responsibility of the researcher and his employer to ensure that the work is of adequate quality. If research is to be presented for publication it will be for the publisher to decide whether to publish. Where Trustees are themselves the original publisher of the results of research, the responsibility for evaluation of the results rest on them.

For these reasons, Trustees should satisfy themselves, by provision in the agreement with the researcher, research institution or other body, that the outcome of the research will be properly evaluated by peer review or otherwise, and that best endeavours will be made and appropriate care will be taken to disseminate work of adequate quality and/or importance in any appropriate way.

7. Trustees should keep a record of all grants made for research purposes, the general results of the research and must take reasonable steps to ascertain whether a research paper (or papers) was ultimately published or the results otherwise disseminated.