



Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

Investment Policy

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Notes:

Resources used in developing this policy:

Investment Policy example provided by PEM.

Sample investment policy provided by Investment Advisor

Charity Investors Group

http://www.cfg.org.uk/Policy/investment/~/_media/Files/Policy/Investment/Writingyourcharitysinvestment%20policya%20guide.ashx

UK Charity Commission

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees-cc14/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees>

Aims

SCAR has had bank account balances attracting no interest in recent years. As there is ample protection for working capital and reserve purposes, SCAR believes that it is prudent and responsible to invest a proportion of these balances in a diversified portfolio of investments.

With this investment policy SCAR aims to provide capital growth to enable it to fulfil its mission and objectives. In the longer term it is intended to draw income from these investments to support SCAR activities.

Risk

SCAR will seek the advice of a professional Investment Advisor when initiating investments. A risk profile will be generated which matches the expectations of the Executive Committee with regard to investments and this will be used to guide the options prepared by the Investment Advisor.

SCAR does not depend on returns from this investing activity to fund its annual expenditure so it is anticipated dividends and profits will be re-invested in the portfolio for at least the first 5 years.

The Executive Committee is prepared to tolerate volatility in the capital value of the investment portfolio but will review and assess the performance annually as outlined below.

Ethical Investments

The Executive Committee will consider whether the portfolios proposed by the Investment Advisor meet the ethical standards required by SCAR. In particular SCAR chooses not to invest directly in the following areas:

- *All restricted by decision of Excom*
- *Match to those in the Fundraising and Donations Policy*

Other Restrictions

No individual investment within the portfolio should represent more than 10% of the total value of the portfolio.

Shareholder Activism

Voting rights attaching to the investments shall be exercised by the Investment Manager(s) with proper regard to:

- SCAR's ethical investment policy as described above
- The long-term interest of the shareholders

Power

The Executive Committee is specifically empowered by the SCAR Memorandum of Association (section 4.10) to invest the Charity's assets, subject to the general requirement of the Trustee Act 2000 that the investments be in a suitable range of diversified instruments.

Funds available

The Executive Committee has identified USD\$300,000 to be used from the existing cash assets to form the initial investment.

Time frame

SCAR intends that the invested funds will not be drawn down for an initial period of 5 years.

Liquidity and Asset Mix

The Executive Committee will review the mix of assets in the portfolio annually to assess the suitability of the range and liquidity represented in the portfolio when compared to the risk tolerance.

Benchmarks and Reporting

The Investment Advisor and Investment Manager(s) will meet at least annually with the Executive Director to review the status of the portfolio. The Investment Manager(s) performance will be assessed by the Executive Director and Executive Committee annually with reference to benchmarks and targets.