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# The missions of an Academy of Sciences: The example of France

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## Abstract:

What role—or roles—should an academy of sciences play in the modern world? Is it a hall of fame, a club in the English tradition, a body that decides for the future of scientific research, or an institution that advises those in power? To explore this question, I will draw on the example I know best: the « Académie des Sciences », founded in 1666. Over the centuries, it has been through a great many political events, witnessed scientific revolutions, and seen an extraordinary growth in the number of researchers. Its long and eventful history may offer valuable insights into the missions academies of sciences can and should pursue today—particularly in the face of a complex, fast-changing international landscape.

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