

List of questions

to be answered in the host's statement

Please write a statement (approx. 2 pages) answering the following questions. It should be uploaded alongside a signed confirmation that research facilities will be made available. This information is important for the members of our Selection Committee to better assess the application.

- 1. How well do you know the applicant and their academic environment? Please explain when and how the contact came about and how the exchange took place before and during the application process.
- How would you rate the academic record and academic achievements to date?
 Please comment on the following aspects in particular: determination, mobility, thematic scope, academic productivity, prospects for the future.
 Please also take into account personal limitations or structural issues the applicant might have encountered, e.g., challenging research conditions, gender-specific disadvantages or cultural

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3. How would you rate the quality of the provided key publications?

Please comment on the following aspects in particular: originality, innovativeness, significance for the continued development of the subject area, applicant's own contribution (joint authorship).

4. How would you rate the research project?

Please provide a concise description of the innovative idea behind the project. Also comment on the following aspects: topicality, clarity of focus, academic (methodological) quality, feasibility, potential for advancing the applicant's academic development, chances of success within the proposed sponsorship period.

- 5. In your opinion, did the applicant prepare the submitted research project independently? To what extent did you or others contribute to the development of the submitted research project? Will it overlap/interact with other work being carried out at your institute?
- 6. To what extent are the expected results from the proposed research stay as well as the applied methods and techniques relevant for the future development of the applicant's country or region of origin?
- 7. If the project or the proposed cooperation involves <u>security-relevant aspects</u>, please explain why you still support the application by assessing the associated opportunities and risks.
- 8. Does the applicant have the language skills necessary to carry out the project successfully?

Only required for applications submitted by **experienced** researchers:

9. How do you rate the applicant's personal research profile?