

Check list for letter of support

The following questions are designed as suggestions of what should be included in the letter of support. The reviewer may choose whether to answer each question individually or to provide a general evaluation. The questions below should still be answered even in the latter case.

1. How did you meet the applicant and what is your assessment based on?
2. How do you assess the applicant's doctoral thesis altogether and with reference to the specific subject area she has chosen, seen in comparison to the performance of other researchers at the same qualification level? What are the applicant's unique strengths?
3. How does the applicant's planned project fit into her career plan? How might she proceed after completing the project? What are the opportunities and prospects for her continuing an academic career?
5. How would you assess the following aspects of the applicant's proposed topic and work plan?
 - a) academic value
 - b) proposed methods
 - c) difficulty
 - d) feasibility of completion within the funding period
 - e) applicant's future prospects
 - f) availability of work space
 - g) required equipment or travel budget
6. Other
7. Overall assessment: especially deserving of funding – deserving of funding – not deserving of funding