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**External assessment letter**

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| **RESEARCHER DETAILS** | | | | | | |
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*Please write an expert assessment on the academic profile of the candidate-researcher. The referee should be a professor in the same academic field as the researcher, who is not or will not be his/her academic supervisor or mentor. The professor must not be an employee of the applicant host institution. He/she must be employed at an academic or non-academic research institution in the EU. For the purpose of the evaluation, the referee should have an open scientific exchange with the candidate-researcher.*

*This document must be fully completed and signed by the referee and should not exceed 3 pages, with a minimum font size of 10. The document must be submitted as a PDF* ***exclusively via email to*** [***review.safe@daad.de***](mailto:review.safe@daad.de) ***and should be sent from the referee's institutional email address until 20th January 2025, at 23:59 (CET).***

1. **Please provide a comprehensive academic assessment of the researcher** (academic achievements throughout his/her academic career, research experience, quality of publications, studies, reports, proposed academic project).

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1. **Please rate the candidate's excellence in his/her academic field on a scale from 0 to 10 (0.5-point increments are possible) according to the scale on the next page.**

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* *By providing this letter, the referee confirms that he/she has no personal relationship with the researcher and that he/she is not currently employed by the applicant host institution. The assessment provided is independent and based on objective criteria as far as possible.*

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| **Scale of assessment - Candidate´s excellence** | |
| **Very low**  (0 to 2 points) | The candidate’s academic profile is weak, demonstrating minimal research output or impact. He/she may have few or no publications, limited involvement in academic projects, and little evidence of engagement in his/her field. The likelihood of success in the proposed project is low due to inadequate foundational knowledge and experience. |
| **Low**  (2 to 4 points) | The candidate has some academic achievements but lacks consistency or significant contributions to his/her field. He/she may have a few publications, but these do not substantially impact his/her discipline. Research experience is limited, and the candidate may struggle to articulate a clear vision for the proposed project. Overall, his/her academic profile does not demonstrate strong potential for success. |
| **Medium**  (4 to 6 points) | The candidate possesses a solid academic background, with a reasonable number of publications and research experience. He/she may have participated in collaborative projects or contributed to conferences, indicating an active engagement in his/her field. While his/her achievements show promise, there are areas for improvement that could enhance the chances of success in the proposed project. |
| **High**  (6 to 8 points) | The candidate has a strong academic profile, characterised by significant research contributions, multiple publications in reputable journals, and meaningful engagement in his/her academic community. He/she demonstrates a clear understanding of his/her field and has outlined a well-structured proposed project. His/her track record indicates a high likelihood of success, supported by previous positive outcomes in similar research endeavors. |
| **Very high**  (8 to 10 points) | The candidate stands out as an exceptional scholar in his/her field, with a substantial body of high-quality publications, impactful research contributions, and recognition from peers. He/she has a robust research portfolio, including leading projects or initiatives that have advanced knowledge in his/her area. His/her proposed project is innovative and well-conceived, reflecting a deep understanding of the subject matter. The candidate's excellence indicates a very high likelihood of success in his/her proposed research. |