

Research School PLUS

Template for a non subject-specific review

Application number

Applicant

Thank you for preparing a **non subject-specific** review. Your review will be presented to the Early Career Researchers (ECR) Board together with a subject-specific evaluation by another doctoral researcher and the complete application. On the basis of both reviews the ECR Board will make a recommendation to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will finally decide which applications are granted.

The non-subject specific review focuses on general, formal and strategic aspects. The following questions can be answered in English or German. We kindly ask you to point out strengths as well as weaknesses of the application.

(1) How comprehensible was the doctoral project's general description in the application?

Has the applicant made the relevance of his/her research clear to you? Has the applicant used unclear subject-specific terms and abbreviations unnecessarily frequently for you?

(2) How do you evaluate the impact of the planned project on the international network of the applicant's chair/institute/faculty, or even of Ruhr-Universität as a whole?

Do you think that the contact will be sustained? Will other members of the applicant's chair/institute/faculty (or even RUB) benefit from the cooperation in the future?

(3) Please rate spelling and grammar of the application with the following scale:

- Excellent, (almost) no mistakes
- Good, very few mistakes
- Average, some mistakes
- Poor, many mistakes
- Very poor, the application is barely understandable due to a lot of mistakes

(4) How do you evaluate the budget plan and cost explanation?

Is the budget plan transparent and reasonable for you? Has the applicant calculated the budget too high or too low for the planned activities? Has the applicant applied for any costs that RS PLUS does not cover in principle (Information [here](#))? In your opinion, are there any costs that RS PLUS should not cover?

(5) What is your general impression of the application?

Has the application been written with care? Is the application clearly structured? Is the overall reasoning of the application convincing to you? Has the volume of text permitted been used sensibly?

(6) Final conclusion & assessment

If you want to draw a final conclusion, please use the following space.

Please conclude with one of the given statements. Make sure that your final recommendation is in line with your overall reasoning.

- *An excellent application in every respect (5)*
- *A good application with minor shortcomings (4)*
- *An average application with some shortcomings (3)*
- *A rather poor application with serious shortcomings (2)*
- *A very poor application with major shortcomings (1)*

(7) How many reviews have you already prepared for Research School PLUS?

Subject-specific

Non subject-specific

(8) Location, Date

Please sent your review to rsplus@rub.de