RESEARCH SCHOOL
Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Application PR.INT

Template for a subject-specific review

Application number	
Applicant	

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

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**.

Use of AI tools in the review process
The Research School has guidelines on the use of AI tools in the application and review process for its funding programmes. These guidelines contain the following information for reviewers and for the decision-making process:

1. The use of AI tools by applicants in the preparation of applications is not an evaluation criterion and is not taken into account in the review process.
2. The use of AI is not permitted for the review process.

(1) What is your assessment of the scientific quality of the planned project?
[Does the project reflect the level of current research (topicality)? To what extent can you identify originality and potential for innovation?]

(2) Do you consider the planned project to be realistic and well prepared?

[Are the work schedule and the objectives set realistic? Has appropriate preparatory work been carried out? On the basis of his/her academic work to date, does the applicant possess the necessary requirements to carry out the project successfully? Has the applicant already established a close contact with the cooperation partner(s)?]

(3) How do you assess the impact of the planned project on the quality of the whole PhD project?

[Do you anticipate that the PhD project will be significantly enriched by the planned project? How do you assess the potential results?]

(4) What is your assessment of the planned project's potential impact on the international network of the applicant?

[What is the quality and international visibility of the cooperation partner within the relevant academic area? Will new contacts be created or existing contacts strengthened? Will the applicant benefit from these contacts in the future? Has the applicant chosen a fitting cooperation partner for his/her project?]

(5) 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?]

(6) Further comments

[If there is anything you wish to comment on, please use the following space.]

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(7a) Final conclusion & assessment

[Please use the following space to draw a final conclusion. List the most important strengths and weaknesses of the application and please indicate how you rate these points to reach your final conclusion]

(7b) 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)** ○

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How many reviews have you already prepared for Research School?

Subject-specific

Non subject-specific

Location

Date

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