

Evaluation form for external reviewers – Project funding

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Type: SNSF individual or collaborative proposal Duration: 48 months Language: English

Project

- Research plan
- Budget

Research team



Your review

Scientific relevance, originality and topicality

Suitability of methods and feasibility

Applicants' scientific track record and expertise

Overall assessment

Submit assessment

Complete all sections to submit your assessment.

Assessment of the scientific relevance, originality and topicality

Please indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project is scientifically relevant, original and topical

a) Scientific relevance

Please mention here whether and to what extent the

- topic and the research problems or hypotheses of the planned project are relevant to the discipline and beyond
- proposed project increases knowledge and coherence within the discipline and beyond
- proposed project has the potential to develop approaches and methods within the discipline and beyond.

The project's relevance is generally assessed on the basis of the research plan. The following questions may be of further help for the assessment:

- Do the applicants have an accurate and full understanding of the state-of-the-art in the relevant discipline (and beyond)?
- Are the work of third parties and the applicants' own work described accurately?

b) Originality

Please indicate here to what extent the starting point or theoretical/methodical approach chosen for the proposed project is original. Originality can take the form of


- a question that has so far been neglected by researchers.
- an approach that offers unexpected or novel combinations of familiar aspects.

c) Topicality

Indicate whether and to what extent the subject of the proposed project is of current interest.

Indicators of topicality are

- the importance and new insights of recent scientific publications devoted to the subject
- a proposed project may be considered topical if it addresses a recent event that is of importance for the discipline in question or even beyond it.

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Specific weaknesses



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Comments (optional)



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Suitability of methods

Please consider whether and to what extent the methods are suited to answering the questions set out in the proposal. This includes the methods chosen, their combination and the research plan (timing and logical sequence of steps).

Feasibility

Please indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project is feasible. The following questions may be of further help for the assessment:

- Can the targets/milestones set out in the proposal be reached in the given time and with the available resources in terms of personnel and funds?
- Is the scope of the project (workload) proportionate to the planned duration of the project?

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Assessment of the applicants' scientific track record and expertise

The **scientific qualifications of each applicant**, in particular the **track record** and the **expertise to carry out the research project**, have to be assessed on the basis of the following documents:

- CV(s)
- "current state of own research" of the research plan (if available)


The SNSF has introduced a standardized CV format in October 2022. Consult the [factsheet](#) to learn more about the format and its use in the evaluation.

Reviewers are kindly asked to consider the scientific qualifications of applicants based on their entire research output (including, when applicable, datasets, software, prototypes, etc.), in addition to research publications. **In this context, the scientific quality and relevance of a paper is deemed much more important than publication metrics or the reputation of the journal in which it was published.**

The scientific quality and relevance of selected research outputs may be assessed directly by the sources provided by each applicant in the section "Major achievements" of the CV.

In the case of several applicants, each applicant should be evaluated individually. The assessment of the "expertise to carry out the research project" refers however to the team as a whole. The composition of the team and the roles of its individual members should be commented.

In general, **the evaluation has to be done against the background of the scientific disciplines and the academic age of each applicant.**

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Ratings of each category

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Summary of your review

Please summarise the main reasons for your overall rating by pointing out the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal.

Please note that your review will be forwarded to the applicants, anonymously and possibly in abridged form.

Please provide a rating on the following scale for your overall assessment of the proposal, considering the strengths and weaknesses in the criteria-based assessment. Use 5 as the entry point from which to develop your arguments to grade lower or higher.

Summarise your overall assessment

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