List of questions
for expert reviews
Georg Forster Research Award

Please use a document with your letterhead and start with your full name, title and position and the name of your institution (including location and country) as well as the name of the nominee for whom you are submitting the statement.

Preferably adhere to the numbering while answering the questions.

Please sign and date your statement and upload a scan via the link sent to you by the nominator. As part of the nomination documents, it will be forwarded to external independent peer reviewers and the relevant selection committee from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and, as such, will influence the assessment and outcome of the nomination. We shall thus be very grateful if you write your statement preferably in English, or in German.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Questions we would appreciate being replied to:

1. To classify your statement:
   a) How familiar are you with the nominee (e.g. from publications / from conferences / from previous collaboration)?
   b) Is your own field of research very similar to / rather different from that of the nominee?
2. How do you rate the nominee’s academic qualification
   a) within the specialized field of research (please state the specialized field) with regard to the country of origin and on an international scale?
   b) within the research area (please state the area) with regard to the country of origin and on an international scale?
   c) Are you familiar with discoveries, recognised theories, or insights that can clearly be traced back to the nominee and significantly impact their own research area and also reach beyond their specialized field of research?
   d) How do you judge her/his current academic activities or those of the last 5 years?
3. How do you assess the nominee’s publications, in particular the key publications?
   a) Are they important routine publications or have they made a crucial contribution to advancing the research area?
   b) Does your statement also apply to publications of the last 5 years?
   c) Have the publications appeared in internationally leading journals or been published by leading publishing firms?
4. Which contribution does the nominee’s research provide regarding the specific challenges facing transition and developing countries (for example with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals)?

5. Does the nominee have an impact as multiplicator in research, teaching and science management as well as in other processes of development outside research?

6. To which extent should the conditions in the nominee’s home country be considered when assessing her or his scientific achievements?

7. How you expect the award to stimulate the research area, the academic network and the nominee’s own country. Please explain possible development aspects, e.g. improving living conditions in the nominee’s own country.

8. Other comments/your recommendations for the selection committee.

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