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List of questions for the statement
by the academic mentor
(as of 15 December 2023)

Please answer the following questions in the given order in the form of a statement of approx. 1-2 pages (German or English) in a separate document and upload it to the online portal.

1. Do you know the candidate personally, or are you in contact with their current institute?

2. How would you assess the candidate’s academic career and academic achievements to date (such as publications), and their academic potential – taking account of the respective circumstances in which the candidate has been working thus far?

3. How would you assess the current academic profile and the academic potential of the candidate?

4. How would you assess the proposed research project of the candidate (especially in regard to academic (methodological) quality, feasibility at the host institution) and the candidate’s perspectives for further academic qualification and success during the fellowship period?

5. If safety-relevant aspects are affected by the research project applied for, please explain why you nevertheless support the application, weighing up the opportunities and risks.

6. To what extent were you involved in drawing up the research outline the applicant has submitted? Will it overlap/interact with other work being carried out at your institute?

7. Which specific measures are you planning in order to support the candidate in navigating academic and professional challenges and in preparing for opportunities after the funding ends?

8. Which perspectives do you see in terms of the candidate’s potential integration into the (research-related) job market – in Germany, in another country, or in their country of origin?

9. Please confirm that the candidate’s command of the English or the German language will suffice to successfully complete the proposed research project and to develop the candidate’s qualifications.
10. Please confirm that no other funds are available to support the candidate’s research stay.