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AIMS Small Research Grants in Climate Change Science

Instructions for Referees

Purpose

This document provides a guideline for referees who will be providing letters of support for applicants. Information provided about the applicant will be handled confidentially and used solely for the purpose of assessing the applicant's suitability for this Small Research Grant. You are kindly requested to email a letter highlighting both the excellent qualities and the shortcomings of the applicant to ms4cr-smallgrants@nexteinstein.org (using the subject line: MS4CR small grants application support letter – first and last name of applicant). Your letter must be received by AIMS on or before the deadline indicated in the call for applications. We appreciate your co-operation in providing us with a balanced and objective assessment of the applicant.

Your letter should provide the following information:

Part A

- ❖ Your title, name and surname;
- ❖ Name(s) and address(es) of your current institution(s);
- ❖ Your current position(s);
- ❖ Your email address and phone number.

Part B

- ❖ The names of the applicant on behalf of whom you are providing this support letter.
- ❖ How long have you known the applicant?
- ❖ In what capacity have you known the applicant?
- ❖ The applicant's knowledge of the subject matter of his/her proposed project.
- ❖ How the applicant compares with his/her professional peers institutionally, nationally, and internationally.
- ❖ How original is the applicant's proposed project?
- ❖ What are some potential outputs, outcomes or impacts of the proposed project?
- ❖ Who could benefit from the project results?
- ❖ In what areas does the applicant need to further develop professionally?



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- ❖ Applicant's personal competence in conducting the proposed project.
- ❖ Applicant's competence in setting-up and leading a research group which surpasses the implementation of their own research i.e., ability to establish a research group and to build research capacity of students. This is only applicable if the applicant is proposing to (co)-supervise research students.

Part C

- ❖ Have you contributed to the design of the applicant's proposed project?
- ❖ Will you be involved in any way in the execution of the proposed project?

Part D

- ❖ Any other relevant information.

Contacts

All correspondence should be emailed to ms4cr-smallgrants@nexteinstein.org.

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