

Australia-Scotland Fund: information for referees

Applicants are responsible for sending this document, a copy of their proposal, and information about the Australia-Scotland Fund grant program to a referee who agrees to provide the applicant with a supporting reference letter.

Referees are asked to address the following points in their letter of support:

- Is your field of research the same as the applicant's?
- Discuss your view of the scientific merit of the proposal and the value of the expected outcomes of the proposal to science in Australia.
- Discuss the value of the visit to the project activities, and why the proposed direction of travel is the ideal option for the outlined project activities.
- Does the proposed host organisation have the capacity to provide appropriate facilities, support to the project and offer benefit to the project that would otherwise not be possible?
- Does the Australian applicant demonstrate the potential to become a leader in the Australian science sector? This can be demonstrated by career achievements, such as receiving awards or winning competitions, supervising research students, participating in mentorship programs and active involvement in professional organisations or committees.
- Discuss how the applicant's project will incorporate and make space for contributions from team members of varied backgrounds, particularly those underrepresented in science. Provide examples of the applicant's efforts or commitments to fostering diversity and inclusion in their research activities.
- Declare your connections with the applicant regarding joint publications.

The signed referee report should be on institutional letterhead and sent electronically to the applicant for inclusion in the grant application.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.