

Notes for referees

- **Referees should be international experts in their chosen field of research – there is no requirement for them to be Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.**
- **Referees currently based at the applicant's home institution, ex-supervisors/ mentors and collaborators will not be considered as appropriate independent referees.**
- **Referees should also not be biased by any other personal or academic relationships.**
- **Please note that if you are currently serving as a member of The Royal Society of Edinburgh Council or of the particular Committee which considers these awards, you should advise the applicant to seek an alternative referee.**

The Project Leader (from a Scottish research institution) should have provided you with a copy of his/her application form.

Please bear in mind the following criteria when assessing the application:

- the quality of the proposed research
- the quality of the researchers
- the quality of the institutions
- the mutual benefit of the proposal
- the potential contribution to the UK science base

Your help in providing this reference is much appreciated. All opinions expressed are treated with complete confidentiality.

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Please send the completed Referee Statement by the appropriate closing date directly to:

International@royalsoced.org.uk

Paper copies are **not** required.

Receipt of the reference will be acknowledged by e-mail.

Please direct any enquiries to the International Relations Officer:

Tel: 0131 240 5000

Email: International@royalsoced.org.uk

Referee Statement for:
 (name of Scottish-based Project Leader)

1 Please give your opinion on the following, ticking as appropriate:

	Low	Moderate	Significant	Major
How would you describe the merit of the proposed collaborative research?				
What level of benefit will the applicants derive from the collaboration with the overseas institution?				
What level of benefit will the overseas institution derive from the collaboration?				
What level of benefit will the Scottish institution derive from the visit?				

2 Which of the following best describes the Project Leader? (tick as appropriate)

A leading international authority in his/her field

A researcher who has made moderate significant outstanding contributions

An early stage researcher of moderate high exceptional ability and promise

3 Please provide your comments on why the two institutions are appropriate partners

4 Please provide any additional comments here (including any comments on the quality of the two Institutions, the quality of the two teams and the potential benefits of this Joint Project)

5 Please provide your overall assessment of the application (tick the appropriate box)	
	Excellent, definitely should be funded
	Good, funding strongly recommended
	Adequate, could be funded
	Poor, not fundable

I confirm that the information in this reference is correct to the best of my knowledge and is not biased by any personal or academic relationships.	
Signature (electronic):	Date:
Name in block capitals:	
Position:	
Affiliation:	
Please send this completed Referee Statement to International@royalsoced.org.uk.	
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