



List of questions for the Host Statement

All participating host institutions are asked to provide a two to four pages Host Statement and submit it via the online nomination platform of the Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award.

Please take the following list of questions as suggestions of topics you may want to address:

1. Do you know the candidate personally, or are you in contact with anyone at their current institution?
2. How do you rate the candidate's **academic qualifications**
 - a) **by international comparison** with researchers at the same career stage?
 - b) by comparison with **German** researchers at the same career stage?
 - c) How do you rate candidate's personal **academic profile**?
3. What significant scientific results has the candidate achieved so far and how do you assess the candidate's potential for **future scientific breakthroughs**?
4. a) How do you rate the candidate's **key publications** with regard to originality, current relevance, quantity, and place of publication? Is the publication record commensurate with their career stage?
 - b) Should the publications be classified as **important routine publications** or have they made a decisive contribution to the **advancement** of the discipline?
 - c) Do they provide a **basis** for the proposed project?
5. a) In what ways is the candidate qualified to conduct the proposed **project**?
 - b) Do you consider the **proposal** to be scientifically significant and innovative? Please state your reasons.
 - c) Has the project been competently described and what are the **chances of success**?
 - d) Please evaluate the **budget outline**. Comment on any deviations from standard rates of pay.

6. a) Can the project be carried out using existing **resources** at your institution?
- b) How will the project be integrated in ongoing research work at your institution?
- c) To what extent will the project build on any existing collaborations and how would a sponsorship through the Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award expand or enhance such relations?
- d) What synergies are expected?
7. Are you aware of any **aspects which might militate against granting the award?** (e.g. possible conflicts with legally-binding principles of scientific ethics, danger of armaments-related technology transfer in the legal sense)?
8. Successful candidates are invited to attend a **one-day selection symposium** together with their academic host in order to be considered for the award. Can you confirm the availability of a representative of your institution to attend the symposium on **1 March 2023**?