



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. Are [security-relevant aspects](#) impacted by the proposed cooperation? If yes, please explain them by assessing the associated opportunities and risks (2,000 characters max)
9. 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?