



uni:docs Programme | Evaluation

Guidelines for Reviewers

1. Objectives of the review process

The uni:docs Programme is a doctoral dissertation fellowship programme of the University of Vienna, which gives outstanding doctoral candidates of all disciplines the opportunity to undertake the dissertation within three years by devoting full-time effort to the research and writing of the dissertation. It aims at recruiting the very best candidates. All candidates are in direct competition with each other, disregarding the discipline. All applicants of the Programme must provide a project proposal which is sent to independent experts who are asked to critically review the quality of the proposal.

The evaluation of the ***uni:docs fellowship proposal*** is designed to enable the selection committee to assess:

- whether the proposal clearly meets international standards
- whether the overall goal is clearly outlined
- whether the applicant seems to be sufficiently qualified to meet the quality standards required to conduct the proposed research
- whether the proposed research proposal itself requires modification.

2. Evaluation criteria for the review of a uni:docs fellowship proposal

A rating between 0 and 100 according to the evaluation scale has to be assigned.

General aspects of the proposed research project:

- Originality and contribution to the ongoing research debate
- Innovative potential of the theoretical and methodological approaches
- Scientific relevance and competitiveness at an international level

Scientific foundation of the research project:

- Description of the state of the art
- Explanation of goals and objectives of the dissertation
- Clarity/Suitability of proposed materials and methods
- Feasibility of work and time plan
- Strengths and weaknesses of the proposal