

# Guidelines

## for Reviews in the Emmy Noether Programme



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## I Programme Information

The Emmy Noether Programme enables highly qualified researchers in early career phases to become eligible for a university teaching career within a continuous period of six years. This programme offers an alternative to the traditional professorial track requiring habilitation by giving researchers the opportunity to achieve equivalent qualifications by leading an independent junior research group at a university or research institution in Germany and assuming an appropriate amount of relevant teaching duties. In addition, this programme aims to encourage outstanding researchers in early career phases currently working abroad to enter or re-enter the German research system (see the Guidelines for the Emmy Noether Programme – DFG form 50.02).

[www.dfg.de/formulare/50\\_02](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/50_02)

### **Please note:**

General Guidelines for Reviews (DFG form 10.20) are available at:

[www.dfg.de/formulare/10\\_20](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/10_20)

The review should not exceed two pages in length.

## II Structure of the Review

1. How would you evaluate the soundness of the preliminary work, the quality of publications (please refer to the Guidelines for Publication Lists) and the **qualifications of the applicant** – both in general and in terms of the proposed project?

Does the applicant have the ability to independently lead a junior research group? How would you assess the applicant's chances of being appointed to a professorship after the independent junior research group ends?

2. How would you assess the **quality of the project**, especially with regard to originality and the anticipated contribution to knowledge?
3. To what extent do the **objectives and work programme** convincingly reflect clear working hypotheses and an appropriately distinct topic? Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the planned investigations, the suitability of the methods and the appropriateness of the schedule. How do you rate the explanations on the handling of research data?
4. How would you assess the **work and research environment**? Is the host institution suitable?
5. Applicants in the Emmy Noether Programme have the option of naming more than one potential host institution in the proposal. A final decision does not have to be made until after the proposal is approved. Therefore, please comment on all institutions listed.
6. Please provide a **clear recommendation** as to whether the proposal should be approved. If so, comment on whether the requested funds are justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project, making recommendations for adjustments to the budget as necessary.

## 7. Other aspects

If the proposal involves requests for specialised literature, please note the following:

Funds for purchasing specialised scientific publications may be granted in exceptional cases where the publications in question must either be permanently available to the project but are not purchased by the institution, or when they are not available through interlibrary loan. With this in mind, please state explicitly whether you believe the funds for procuring the specialised literature listed in the proposal should be approved.