Senior Fellowship
Guidelines for referees in the nomination process

The referee’s statement supports the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg and its peer reviewers in the selection process for granting a Senior Fellowship. For the selection procedure it is advantageous if the referee’s statement attends to the following issues:

Relationship between the referee and the nominee
- How long has the referee known the nominee? How familiar is the referee with the nominee (e.g. from previous collaborations, conferences, publications; former student)?
- Is the referee’s research field similar to the nominee’s research area?

Professional qualifications of the nominee
- What is the nominee’s specialised field of research?
- Is the nominee an internationally accepted expert in the specialised field of research?
- How renowned is the nominee in the more general research field in his/her home country and in international comparison?
- Can recognized theories, scientific insights or discoveries distinctively be traced back to the nominee?
- Has the nominee had a significant impact on the research area?
- How can the nominee’s academic activities of the last five years be judged?

Publications
- Have the nominee’s articles and books appeared in internationally leading journals and with publishers with international reputation?
- Did the nominee publish mainly important routine publications or has he made a crucial contribution to advancing the research area during the last five years?

Expectations for the future and recommendations
- What contributions can be expected from the nominee with respect to the advancement of the research area in the near future?
- To what extent would a Senior Fellowship promote the implementation of the nominee’s future research project?
- Other comments?
- Recommendations for the selection committee?
Formal aspects of the statement

- Please state the full name of the referee including his/her academic status and the name and address of his/her home institution.
- The statement has to refer to the name of the nominee.
- The statement has to include date and signature of the referee.
- Please submit the statement directly to Anda Lohan, anda.lohan@uni-konstanz.de