The aim of the funding for research posts as Postdoctoral Researcher is to support the most promising researchers who have recently completed their doctoral degree in gaining competence for demanding researcher or expert positions. The funding period is 36 months.

Please provide both written feedback and numerical ratings to each of the following items.

The numerical evaluation of the sub-items and final rating is made with a rating scale ranging from 1 (poor) to 6 (outstanding).

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1. Quality of research described in the plan

1.1 Scientific quality, novelty and innovativeness of the research

Sub-rating (1–6)
Significance of the project; objectives and hypothesis; ambitiousness and state of the art of the objectives (possible novel concepts and approaches or development across disciplines); scientific impact of the research; potential for breakthroughs or exceptionally significant outcomes; etc.

1.2 Implementation of the research plan

Sub-rating (1–6)
Feasibility of the project (bearing in mind the extent to which the proposed research may include high risks); materials, research data and methods; human resources and management of the research tasks; research environment including research infrastructures; identified potential scientific or methodological problem areas and mitigation plan; etc.

1.3 Responsible science

(no numerical rating)
Has the applicant considered the following aspects of responsible science:

1.3.1. Ethical issues

☐ Yes
☐ No
Further comments (if relevant)

1.3.2. Open access of the research publications

☐ Yes
☐ No
Further comments (if relevant)
1.3.3. Data management plan and open access to data or metadata
☐ Yes
☐ No
Further comments (if relevant)

1.3.4. Promotion of equality and non-discrimination within the project or in society at large
☐ Yes
☐ No
Further comments (if relevant)

2. Competence of the applicant, quality of research collaboration

2.1 Competence and expertise of the applicant
Sub-rating (1–6)
Personal merits and scientific expertise of the applicant, including the appropriateness and sufficiency for the proposed project; advancement of the applicant’s professional competence and independence within the project; etc.

2.2 Significance of research collaboration
Sub-rating (1–6)
Contribution of national and/or international research collaboration to the success of the project; competentary expertise and research environment of the collaborators in terms of implementation of the project; etc.

2.3 Researcher mobility
Sub-rating (1–6)
Significance of the planned mobility for the implementation of the research plan; quality of the receiving organisation in the respective field of research; appropriateness of the length and timing of the mobility period/s; etc.

3. Overall assessment and rating

3.1 Main strengths and weaknesses of the project, additional comments and suggestions (no numerical rating)

Please list major strengths and weaknesses of the application as well as any additional comments.

Strengths:
Weaknesses:
Comments:

4. Overall rating
Rating (1–6)

Please note that the final rating should not be a mathematical average of the sub-ratings.

Ranking

Your application was ranked [ordinal number]th of all the [number] [Funding instrument name] applications reviewed in this panel. Only applications with the final rating of 5 or 6 were ranked. Altogether, [Funding instrument name] applications addressed to Research Council for [Research Council name] were reviewed in [number] panels.