



IFS Review Guidelines

IFS is a non-governmental organization and our mission is to contribute towards strengthening the capability of young men and women scientists in developing countries to conduct relevant and high quality research and their individual agency to put it into use. While we emphasise the importance of the scientific quality of the application, which must relate to biological, water and energy resources (see www.ifs.se), it is also necessary to take in account the context in which the individual applicant operates.

IFS grants are competitive grants. An application should only be recommended for support if the candidate is sufficiently qualified for the work proposed, and if the project is well justified and argued, and well presented with sufficient details.

The scientific quality and feasibility of the proposed research and the relevance of anticipated results to the country or region should be taken into account.

Applicants are expected to give thought as to how the project will fit into the local ecological, and socio-economic environment where it will be implemented, if and when such considerations are relevant. These aspects should also be taken into account in your judgement.

For applications for a renewal of the grant, the report and/or publications resulting from the work carried out during the previous research period should also be evaluated.

The evaluation form introduces scoring in addition to the traditional qualitative assessment of research applications. This is designed to facilitate the reviewer's work by highlighting the most important criteria that IFS seeks your advice on, whilst still maintaining the opportunity to provide detailed comments.

Detailed comments and suggestions would be very helpful to the candidate. With your agreement, your comments will be copied and forwarded to the applicant.

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