



Senior Fellowship Open Application **Guidelines for Fellows' Letters of Cooperation**

The letter of cooperation is a requirement for the application and will support the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg in the selection process for granting a Senior Fellowship.

You will find below a list of guiding questions that should provide help when writing the letter of cooperation.

Relationship between the fellow and the applicant

- How long have you known the applicant? How familiar are you with the applicant (e.g. from previous collaborations, conferences, publications; former student)?
- Is your research field similar to the applicant's research area?

Professional qualifications of the applicant

- What is the applicant's specialised field of research?
- Is the applicant an internationally accepted expert in the specialised field of research (publications with high impact, contribution to advancing the research area)?
- How can the applicant's academic activities of the last five years be judged?

Mentorship of younger generations

- Does the applicant have supervision and mentorship experience (is he/she currently an advisor/mentor, what is the set-up of his/her current team etc.)?
- Is the applicant actively involved in debates concerning the situation of young researchers in academia?

Expectations for the future and contribution to the Zukunftskolleg

- Will your own research profit from Senior Fellowship of the applicant? And if so, how?
- What contribution to the interdisciplinary community of the Zukunftskolleg can the applicant make?
- What synergies can arise from the Senior Fellowship – within the Zukunftskolleg and within the respective department at the University of Konstanz?

Feasibility of the research project

- Is the implementation of the research project feasible in the time frame of the fellowship?
- What would be necessary (office space, lab space, equipment) to host the person:
 - a. from the Zukunftskolleg?
 - b. from the Department?

The letter of cooperation should be sent directly to: zukunftskolleg.seniors@uni-konstanz.de