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PhD Fellowships for Women Scientists from Science and Technology Lagging Countries

Guidelines for Letter of Commitment **(to be prepared by the Host supervisor)**

The applicant should already have discussed the proposal and agreed on its feasibility beforehand. A preliminary discussion and agreement with the prospective supervisor is crucial and can certainly result in a stronger letter of commitment. The letter is very important for the evaluation of the candidate by the Selection Committee; therefore it is strongly advised to submit a personalized and detailed document.

- This letter must be prepared by the prospective host supervisor confirming that the host institute has the resources (e.g. bench fees, laboratory equipment) required to undertake the PhD project.
- The letter should also describe why the host institute is appropriate for the PhD research subject and confirm the supervisor's interest in working with the student.
- In particular, the letter should address the following:
 - Does the supervisor have the relevant expertise and competence.
 - Does the laboratory have the necessary equipment to support the techniques required by the methodology.
 - The commitment letter must be prepared on official letterhead and must be signed.