PhD Fellowships for Women Scientists from Science and Technology Lagging Countries

Guidelines for Reference Letters

- The applicant must submit two (2) reference letters prepared by two (2) different senior scientists familiar with the student’s work.

- Reference letters must be prepared on official letterhead and must be signed.

- For SANDWICH applicants only: please note that the home PhD supervisor cannot be one of the two referees.

- Each letter should address the following issues:
  - How long has the Referee known the student and in what role.
  - Was the student among the top 5%, 10% or 20% of students the Referee has taught.
  - Provide evidence that the student is able to work independently.
  - How would the referee evaluate the student’s PhD research proposal.
  - Reasons for supporting the student’s application.