## **NOTES FOR REFEREES**

Applicants are responsible for sending this document, the referee report template, a copy of their research proposal and information about this early- and mid-career fellowships program to a referee who agrees to provide a supporting letter for the application.

The objectives of the AISRF fellowships are to facilitate long-term science, technology and innovation collaboration between Australia and India by:

* developing researchers’ expertise in international collaboration and fostering long-term relationships between Australian and Indian researchers
* increasing Australian researchers’ understanding of Indian culture, particularly the science and research practices and systems
* developing the researchers’ leadership skills as future ‘science ambassadors’ for Australia
* providing a catalyst for future Australia–India research collaboration.

Referees are asked to complete the referee report template addressing the following points.

1. Is your field of research the same as the applicant’s? Please provide details.
2. What personal qualities does the applicant have that would make them a successful Fellow/science ambassador for Australia (for example, by engaging cross culturally or dealing with unexpected situations or setbacks)?
3. Would the proposed fellowship contribute to the development of the applicant’s field of research and/or career?
4. Would the proposed fellowship initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations between Australia and India?
5. Please describe the benefits of conducting research in India.

Please declare your connections with the applicant in the area of joint publications.

## How to send the referee report

The referee report should be sent as a pdf file directly to the applicant for inclusion in the completed grant application.

For further information on the Australia–India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) Early- and Mid-Career Fellowships 2020 [see the website](https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/travel/grants-and-exchange/australia-india-strategic-research-fund-emcr-fellowships) or contact the Grants Officer at [grants@science.org.au](mailto:grants@science.org.au).