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As the Research Supervisor of the candidate, the Committee would be grateful if you could submit your reference by completing our secure on-line form on the Fellowship Application System. You will receive a link to the relevant web page by email once the candidate has entered your details. This form asks you:

1. To describe the candidate’s field of research. This information is to help us assign him or her to the correct Elector. We should like a very short (1 - 6 word) description, such as ‘mathematics – number theory’ or ‘Spanish economic history (seventeenth century)’.

2. To indicate whether any of the candidate’s research work has been done in collaboration with yourself, your research team or laboratory, commenting on the precise extent and quality of his or her own contribution. This information can be very important for our final meetings. For many candidates, especially in the humanities, the answer will be simply ‘none’. For candidates who have done work in collaboration, we should like just a sentence or two, such as ‘She has worked in collaboration with her supervisor and a post-doctoral assistant, but the central ideas in her thesis were entirely her own.’

3. Provide a comparative assessment of the achievement of the candidate with other known researchers, past or present, at a similar stage. Here we should like you, first, to try so far as possible to rate the candidate against a suitable comparator group or, in some cases, (a) particular individual(s), in a short sentence or two. For example, ‘He is within the top 10% of graduate students whose work I have supervised or examined’; ‘She is within the top 20% of Cambridge PhD students’; ‘He is at least as good as xxx, who won a Trinity JRF three years ago.’

We should also be very glad if you could give us a fuller description of the candidate’s strengths and weaknesses (you may wish to paste in material from other references you have given). We have not put a length limit on this section, and we encourage you to give as full a discussion as you consider appropriate. Your comments will be treated as confidential in so far as possible under UK data protection law.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the Fellows’ Administrator. It would be helpful to us and to the applicant if you could do this as soon as possible.

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The deadline for these references will be 11:59 pm on Thursday 31 August 2017.