Evaluation Form for ÅAUGS Doctoral Admission

Review Criteria:

The evaluation focuses on the research plan and the applicant's competence and potential. Assessment should emphasize scientific quality and feasibility within 3–4 years of full-time study. Novelty and innovativeness may be considered, but high-risk projects should not be prioritized over feasibility. Risk assessment should be included as part of feasibility evaluation. Possible career breaks should be taken into account.

- Competence and potential of the applicant
- Scientific quality and significance of the research plan
- Feasibility of the research plan (including resources, environment, and risk assessment)

Evaluation and Scoring:

Each main criterion is rated on a scale from 1 to 6. Total score ranges from 3 to 18. For admission, a minimum of 9 points is expected. A hybrid model may be applied, requiring minimum points per category.

Numerical grading scale:

- 6 (Outstanding): Excellent quality; highly feasible within 3–4 years; strong potential to advance science.
- 5 (Excellent): Very good in international comparison; no significant weaknesses.
- 4 (Good): Solid plan; expected to contribute to new knowledge.
- 3 (Fair): Satisfactory but needs some improvements.
- 2 (Poor): Contains flaws; requires substantial revision.
- 1 (Insufficient): Severe flaws; not feasible as proposed.

Competence and potential of applicant Subrating (1–6): _____

Please review:

- Applicant's personal achievements and scientific expertise
- Experience of working in a research environment
- Applicant's previous studies
- Applicant's potential to generate scientific knowledge

Scientific quality of research

Subrating (1–6): _____

- Scientific quality and significance of objectives and hypotheses
- Ambitiousness and state-of-the-art aspects of objectives
- Impact of research within academia
- Potential for significant outcomes (without prioritizing high-risk over feasibility)
- Project's potential to generate new knowledge, methods, or practices
- · Risk evaluation and
- Research ethical considerations

Feasibility of research plan Subrating (1–6): _____

- Feasibility of project within 3-4 years
- Availability of materials, research data, and methods
- · Research environment including infrastructures and planned mobility
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies

Summary of the individual score

Total rating (3–18): _____

Comments by the evaluator: