

**Assessment criteria
for preliminary selection of postdoctoral applications at
Rīga Stradiņš University**

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Name</i>

Administrative compliance criteria

Assessment criteria	Assessment system		Impact of the criterion on decision-making (P)* (N)**
	Yes	No	
1. Postdoctoral application is prepared in due time and in conformity with Regulation on preliminary selection of postdoctoral applications	Yes	No	P
2. Contribution of the research to achieving the goals of the Smart Specialisation Strategy of the Republic of Latvia, implementation of growth priorities or development of the fields of specialisation	Yes	No	N
3. Compliance of the topic to the Research programme of Rīga Stradiņš University	Yes	No	N
4. Description of the required research equipment and infrastructure at the applicant's institution or at the cooperation partner, opportunity to carry out the research, non-existence of legal obstacles to performing the research, the research does not contradict to "Research Ethics un Research Integrity" requirements and practice in Latvia.	Yes	No	N

*P- the criterion to be specified

**N- exclusion criterion, in the event of non-compliance with the criterion, the application is rejected

Criteria for quality assessment

Criteria for quality assessment of the research ¹	Maximum score (15 points)	Minimum score ²	Obtained score
5. Quality of the development of research application and scientific excellence	5	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topicality • Theoretical and practical justification of the topic • Credibility of the planned research • Innovation potential • Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary aspects 	<i>Expert's comment -</i>		
6. Impact of the research application	5	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of know-how for development of the of the relevant industry, national economy and the society • The envisaged transfer of knowledge and skills for the development of postdoctoral researcher's career • Choice of cooperation partner and its impact on prospective cooperation opportunities • Plan for dissemination of the newly acquired knowledge 	<i>Expert's comment -</i>		
7. Research implementation plan	5	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the research plan, proportionality 	<i>Expert's comment -</i>		

¹ The application is evaluated by assigning the following scores:

1 - a poor application, does not comply with the requirements contained by the criterion or provided information is insufficient for evaluating the relevant criterion, there are essential deficiencies causing doubt regarding the implementation of the research application and attainment of goals;

2 - a fair application, complies with the requirements contained by the criterion partially or just generally, there are deficiencies making the overall implementation of the research application and attainment of goals difficult;

3 - a good application, generally complies with the requirements contained by the criterion, there are deficiencies which may make the successful implementation of the research application and attainment of high goals difficult;

4 - a very good application, complies with the requirements contained by the criterion, still there are few deficiencies;

5 - an excellent application, complies with the top requirements or even exceeds the requirements contained by the criterion, any deficiencies of the application are minor.

The expert is entitled to assign a score with one decimal place when the first decimal is 5 by justifying his/her opinion.

² Minimum score. Should the applicant fail to reach minimum score, the application shall be rejected.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance of the plan to the criteria 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance of methodology and research approach 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance and credibility of work packages, tasks, deliverables and milestones 	
	TOTAL

Postdoctoral researcher's scientific quality assessment criteria	Maximum score (15 points)	Obtained score
8. Postdoctoral researcher's research capacity		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience and results or achievements (publications, monographs, patents, conferences within the period of past 5 years): 	<i>Score per unit</i>	
<i>publication (article or proceeding), index whereof is included in research databases SCOPUS, Web of Science or PubMed</i>	2.5	
<i>single author of a monograph</i>	3	
<i>co-author of a monograph</i>	2	
<i>co-author of a patent</i>	1	
<i>participation in international conference with a poster</i>	0.5 (maximum score 1)	
<i>oral presentation in international conferences</i>	0.5(maximum score 1.5)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous international experience 	<i>Score per unit</i>	
<i>studies abroad and/or internship in foreign research institutions for a period of at least 6 months</i>	2	
<i>studies abroad and/or internship in foreign research institutions for a period less than 6 months</i>	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work experience in particular industry/field of research 	<i>Score per unit</i>	
<i>Existence of work experience in particular industry/field of research</i>	1	
TOTAL		

TOTAL SCORE ACCORDING TO QUALITY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA <i>(total score according to research quality criteria and postdoctoral researcher's scientific quality assessment criteria)</i>	
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