



Instructions for expert advisors appointed by the Docent Board of the Faculty of Forest Sciences, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

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The expert advisor's assessment of applications for appointment as docent (reader/associate professor)

For information on the requirements for appointment as docent at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, assessment criteria and the external reviewer's assessment see the document entitled "*Guidelines for the appointment of docents at SLU*".

As external expert, you are expected to submit a reasoned written assessment. The assessment should be structured using the headings below. For each heading, give your justification and a clear recommendation.

Scientific output

The applicant's scientific output within the subject area should be set in an international context and evaluated in terms of quantity and quality.

Significant scientific results

The applicant's most significant scientific output should be identified and positioned in relation to the state of the relevant research field. Evaluate the quality, taking into consideration the extent of the applicant's contribution.

Scientific maturity and independence

The extent to which the applicant has developed scientific maturity and independence over time should be assessed in relation to their doctoral project. Maturity can be demonstrated through the applicant's choice of research questions, results attained, publications, funding, leadership skills and ability to supervise students at various levels.

Scientific skills and network

The extent to which the applicant has developed their scientific skills and contacts after being awarded their doctorate should be evaluated, as should achievements at international and national level, including collaboration with external stakeholders.

Pedagogic skills

The extent to which the applicant fulfil the criteria in "*Guidelines for the appointment of docents at SLU*" section *Teaching expertise*, page 7-8.

Final recommendation

All recommendations must be clearly justified and based on the requirements for appointment as docent. Your evaluation under each heading should be at least half a page (A4 format) long. You can provide positive as well as negative feedback.

The final recommendation should also state whether the applicant has or has not attained the qualifications required to be appointed docent.

Submission

The assessment should be submitted via email as a signed pdf-document. You will not be anonymous.

Your evaluation will, according to the "principle of public access to official records", be publicly accessible, and provided to anyone upon request. During the appointment process, the applicant will get a copy of your assessment.

What the assessment will be used for

The written assessment is an important document in the process of assessing an applicant's scientific and pedagogic qualifications for appointment as docent at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.