**Mana Tūārangi Distinguished Researcher Fellowship Referee Report**

*Please read the* [*Mana Tūārangi Fellowship Referee Guidelines*](https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/tawhia-te-mana/mana-tuarangi/information-for-referees) *before completing this report.*

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*Instructions in italics should be removed.*

**Please comment on**

1. **Quality of applicant’s research to date.** *Please comment on the applicant’s research excellence and their national and international reputation.*
2. **The Applicant’s Leadership quality.** *Please comment on the calibre of the applicant as a research leader, which may include:*
   * *vision for their field of work,*
   * *demonstration of how their research can benefit New Zealand (including potential benefits in areas of future value, growth or critical need for New Zealand),*
   * *team leadership,*
   * *knowledge transfer activity,*
   * *entrepreneurial activity (where applicable) and,*
   * *Giving effect to Vision Mātauranga policy in their research and community (where applicable).*
3. **Benefits to wider New Zealand Science, Innovation and Technology (SI&T) system.** *Please comment on how the applicant has benefitted the New Zealand (SI&T) system in addition to undertaking excellent research. This could include strengthening international or domestic research connections, mentoring and training of early career researchers and research students or anything else not already discussed above.*
4. **Proposed project contributions**. *Please comment on how the proposed project enhance, or leverage of, the applicant’s excellence in research, their leadership, and (where relevant) their ability to create benefits to the wider New Zealand SI&T system?*
5. **Other Comments**

*As a referee, you also have the opportunity here to give any further comments regarding the Applicant.*

**Relationship with Applicant**

*As a referee, you must indicate in what capacity you know the applicant. Include any perceived conflicts of interest in this section.*

**Your own Experience**

*Please describe your own experience (research or other) relevant to this application and your answers above (for example, years of research experience, fields of research, number of students you have supervised as the official supervisor, and/or other). This will give the panel some context for your referee report.*