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## Letter of support for [*first name last name*] to the application for a Starting grant MH/NE (max 2 pages)

**Applicant’s profile**

[1) Describe how the applicant’s research programme fits into the research environment (research already in progress at the department)
2) Describe the applicant’s scientific independence
3) Describe how the applicant can contribute to the department’s activities (research and education) based on their scientific and teaching competence]

**Commitment of the hosting department**

[1) Give information on the applicant’s type of employment and funding of the employment throughout the grant period
2) Describe how the department will fulfil the applicant’s need for premises, equipment and other infrastructure in order to carry out the planned research. State whether any type of additional funding (eg "startup package") will be offered to the applicant during the grant period
3) Describe the HEI’s/department’s plan for enabling the applicant's continued scientific qualifications as well as the development of their leadership and teaching competence]

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*Signature of department head/equivalent where the planned research will be conducted*