



Long-Term and Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships 2021

Instructions for host supervisors

The **host supervisor** is defined as the senior scientist who will mentor the applicant in the proposed host institution for at least the first two years of the fellowship. A host supervisor cannot act as a referee for the same applicant.

Former scientific collaborators, members of the HFSP Fellowship Review Committee, Board of Trustees and Council of Scientists cannot serve as host supervisors of HFSP fellowship applicants for reasons of conflict of interest.

You have been identified as a host supervisor for an applicant for an HFSP postdoctoral fellowship. The applicant entered your email address in our fellowship online application form. This triggered an automatic message from the HFSP application server which contains your registration information.

You have “read-only” access to the applicant’s research proposal and CV.

Fellowship applicants do not have access to the host supervisor section.

This document contains tips on the information to include in your letter of reference, as well as explanations on the steps to follow to complete your section of the application.

Applicants for Long-Term or Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships can only submit their application after the host supervisors have completed and submitted their sections.

The submission deadline is **August 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. applicant’s local time**. It is essential that you **enter your personal details, complete and submit your letter of reference before the applicant’s deadline**.

The HFSP online system provides an interface that allows participants in all HFSP programs, regardless of their role, to maintain a personal profile and access all relevant applications from a single login.

If you encounter technical issues, please contact webmaster@hfsp.org.

Questions concerning the fellowship application should be sent to fellow@hfsp.org.

1. IF YOU ARE NEW TO HFSP - FIRST TIME LOGIN TO REGISTER

An applicant for an HFSP fellowship selected you as a host supervisor and you received an automatic email containing a link to activate your HFSP account.

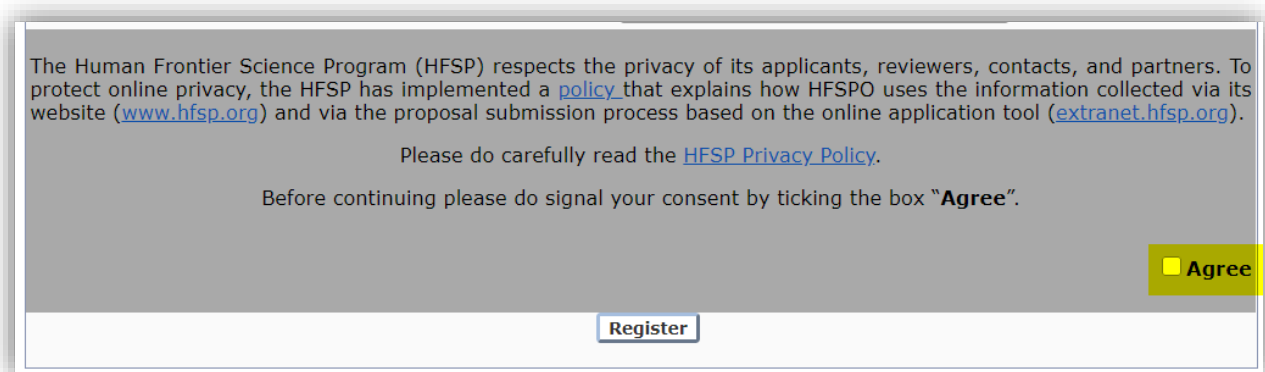
By clicking on this link, a registration screen appears on which you should:

- indicate your nationality and date of birth*,
- select a security question and register an appropriate answer.

**Your nationality and date of birth are used by the HFSP office as unique identifiers (e.g. in case of identical names). Your personal information will be kept confidential and will not be released to other parties.*

Please make corrections to your surname (family name) and first name, if necessary.

You also need to give your consent for HFSP's privacy policy by ticking the box "Agree".



The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) respects the privacy of its applicants, reviewers, contacts, and partners. To protect online privacy, the HFSP has implemented a [policy](#) that explains how HFSP uses the information collected via its website (www.hfsp.org) and via the proposal submission process based on the online application tool (extranet.hfsp.org).

Please do carefully read the [HFSP Privacy Policy](#).

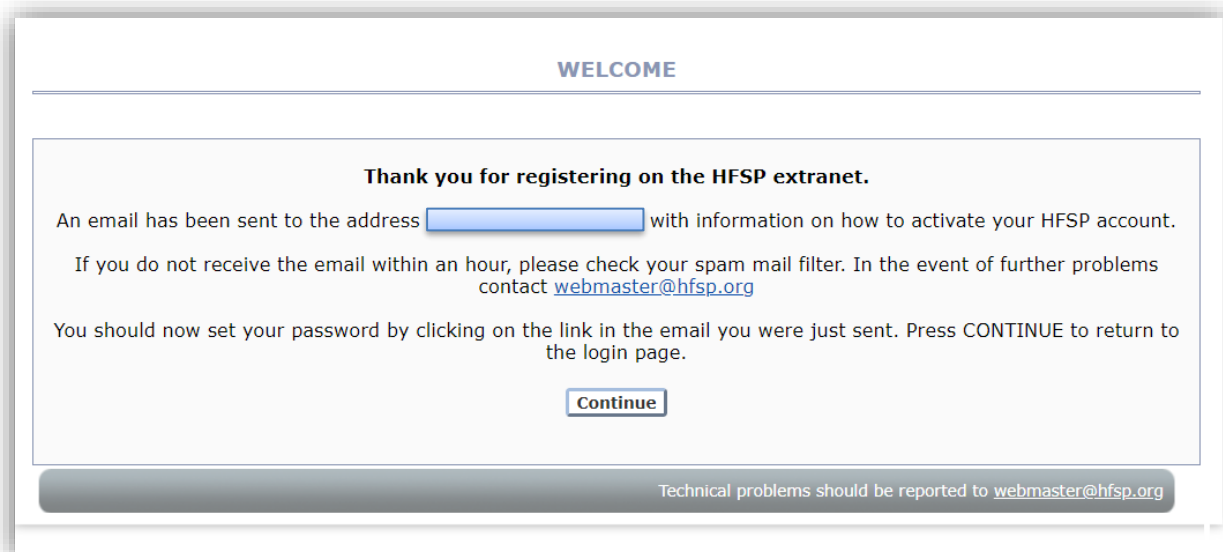
Before continuing please do signal your consent by ticking the box "Agree".

Agree

Register

Once you have completed the requested information, ticked the "Agree" box and clicked the "Register" button, you will

- receive an additional email (with a link enabling you to set and confirm a password)
- see following screen:



WELCOME

Thank you for registering on the HFSP extranet.

An email has been sent to the address with information on how to activate your HFSP account.

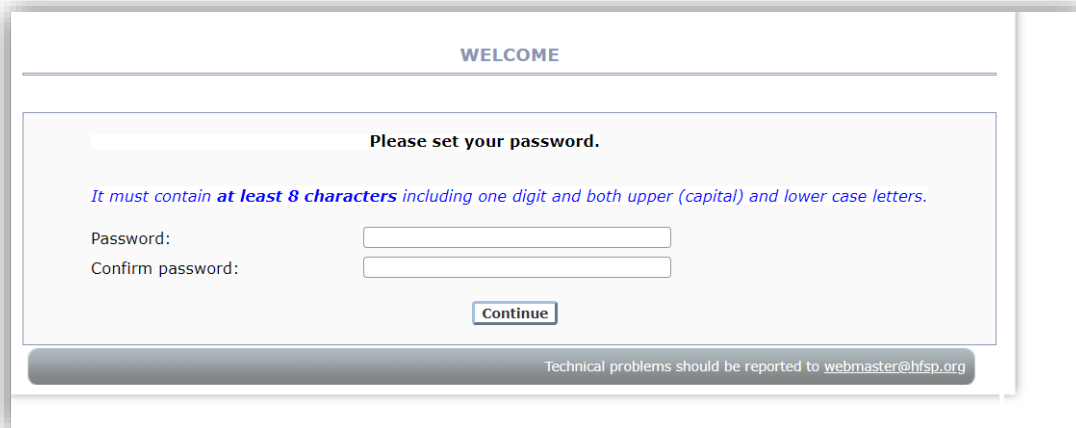
If you do not receive the email within an hour, please check your spam mail filter. In the event of further problems contact webmaster@hfsp.org

You should now set your password by clicking on the link in the email you were just sent. Press CONTINUE to return to the login page.

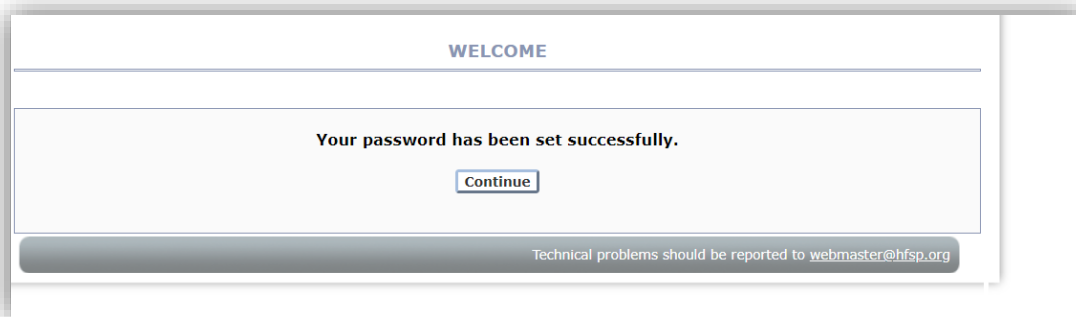
Continue

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The next step is to set your password. To do so, you will need to click on the link that was emailed to you. This link brings you to following screen:

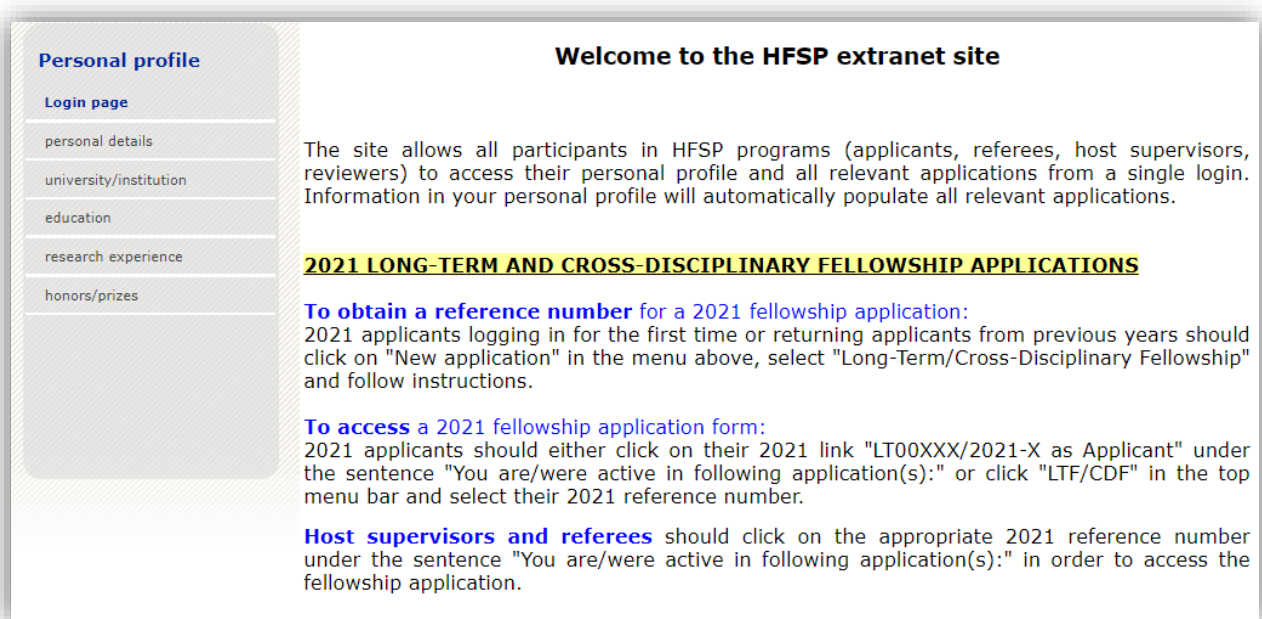


An interim screen will confirm that your password has been registered successfully.

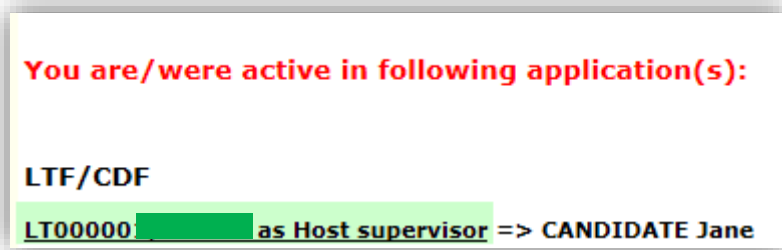


Clicking the “Continue” button after you have set your password brings you again to the page with the HFSP privacy policy, which needs to be agreed once more.

After that, **you will be in your HFSP account.**



Under the sentence “You are/were active in following application(s):”click on the link:
“[LT00.../2021-L](#) (or [LT00.../2021-C](#)) as Host supervisor => XXXXX” (XXXXX=applicant’s name).



For information, at the end of the reference number,

- the letter “L” stands for “**Long-Term**” and
- the letter “C” stands for “**Cross-Disciplinary**”.

This will connect you to the fellowship application for which you have been asked to prepare a letter of support and some personal details as the proposed host supervisor.

A welcome screen will appear, from which you will be able to complete your section of the application (see below “4. Complete the host supervisor section”).

2. IF YOU ARE RETURNING TO YOUR HFSP ACCOUNT

If you already have an HFSP account (because you are a former applicant, awardee, referee, host supervisor, review committee member ...), you must connect to <https://extranet.hfsp.org> in order to get access to your section of the application form.

Your login was indicated in the automatic email you received when the applicant selected you as the proposed host supervisor.

Should you not remember your password, click on "Forgotten my password".

Note that login details can be requested at any time by clicking on "Forgotten my login details".

The screenshot shows a login interface with the following elements:

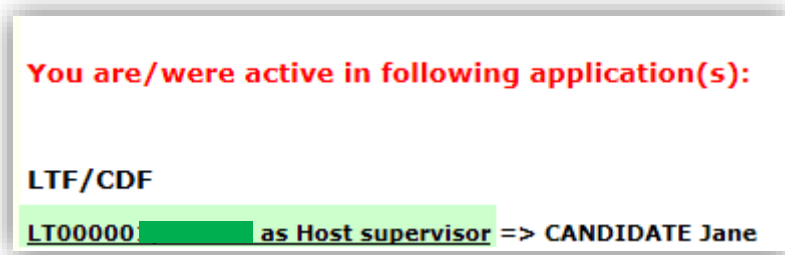
- Input fields for "Login:" and "Password:"
- A "Connect" button
- A "Register" link with a "REGISTER" button
- A link "I have forgotten my password" with a "FORGOTTEN MY PASSWORD" button
- A link "I have forgotten all my login details" with a "FORGOTTEN MY LOGIN DETAILS" button

After you connect to our extranet site, if you have not done so already, you may need to give your consent for HFSP's privacy policy and you will then arrive directly in your **HFSP account**.

The screenshot displays the HFSP extranet site with the following content:

- Personal profile** sidebar with links: Login page, personal details, university/institution, education, research experience, honors/prizes
- Welcome to the HFSP extranet site** heading
- Text: "The site allows all participants in HFSP programs (applicants, referees, host supervisors, reviewers) to access their personal profile and all relevant applications from a single login. Information in your personal profile will automatically populate all relevant applications."
- 2021 LONG-TERM AND CROSS-DISCIPLINARY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS** heading
- To obtain a reference number for a 2021 fellowship application:** 2021 applicants logging in for the first time or returning applicants from previous years should click on "New application" in the menu above, select "Long-Term/Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship" and follow instructions.
- To access a 2021 fellowship application form:** 2021 applicants should either click on their 2021 link "LT00XXX/2021-X as Applicant" under the sentence "You are/were active in following application(s):" or click "LTF/CDF" in the top menu bar and select their 2021 reference number.
- Host supervisors and referees** should click on the appropriate 2021 reference number under the sentence "You are/were active in following application(s):" in order to access the fellowship application.

Under the sentence “You are/were active in following application(s):” click on the link “[LT00.../2021-L \(or LT00.../2021-C\) as Host supervisor => XXXXX](#)” (XXXXX=applicant’s name).



For information, at the end of the reference number,

- the letter “L” stands for “Long-Term” and
- the letter “C” stands for “Cross-Disciplinary”.

This will **connect you to the fellowship application** for which you have been asked to prepare a letter of support and some personal details as the proposed host supervisor.

A welcome screen will appear, from which you will be able to complete your section of the application (see below “4. Complete the host supervisor section”).

3. PERSONAL PROFILE

Menu items relating to your “Personal profile” are visible on the left of the welcome page of your HFSP account.

Personal profile
Login page
personal details
university/institution
education
research experience
honors/prizes

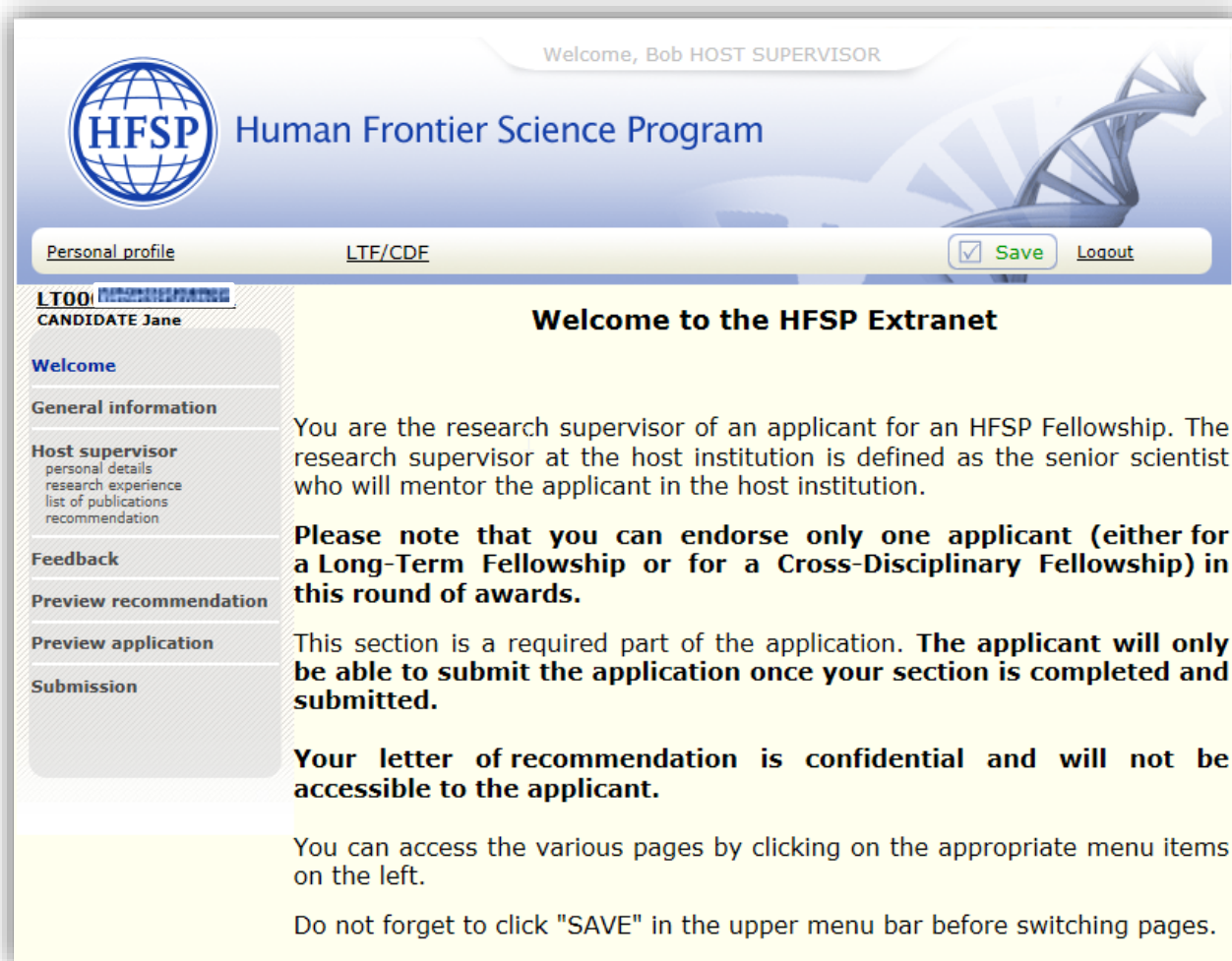
You do not need to complete this section: the information you will provide in the “Education” and “Research experience” sections of the application will automatically populate the “Personal profile” section (e.g. current affiliation, CV, etc.).

The “Personal profile” section may be updated at any time. Some information (e.g. address, email, etc.) will automatically appear in the “personal details” section of future HFSP applications in which you will be involved.

You can change your login, password and personal question in the “personal details” section of your “Personal profile”.

4. COMPLETE THE HOST SUPERVISOR SECTION

When clicking on the link to the application form, following welcome screen appears:



The screenshot shows the HFSP Extranet interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the HFSP logo, the text 'Human Frontier Science Program', and a welcome message 'Welcome, Bob HOST SUPERVISOR'. Below this, there are links for 'Personal profile' and 'LTF/CDF', along with a 'Save' button and a 'Logout' link. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the HFSP Extranet' and contains several paragraphs of text. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with options: 'Welcome', 'General information', 'Host supervisor' (with sub-items: 'personal details', 'research experience', 'list of publications', 'recommendation'), 'Feedback', 'Preview recommendation', 'Preview application', and 'Submission'. The 'Host supervisor' section is currently selected.

Welcome, Bob HOST SUPERVISOR

Personal profile LTF/CDF Save Logout

LT00: [REDACTED]
CANDIDATE Jane

Welcome to the HFSP Extranet

You are the research supervisor of an applicant for an HFSP Fellowship. The research supervisor at the host institution is defined as the senior scientist who will mentor the applicant in the host institution.

Please note that you can endorse only one applicant (either for a Long-Term Fellowship or for a Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship) in this round of awards.

This section is a required part of the application. **The applicant will only be able to submit the application once your section is completed and submitted.**

Your letter of recommendation is confidential and will not be accessible to the applicant.

You can access the various pages by clicking on the appropriate menu items on the left.

Do not forget to click "SAVE" in the upper menu bar before switching pages.

Host supervisor
personal details
research experience
list of publications
recommendation

Feedback
Preview recommendation
Preview application
Submission

The menu on the left hand side of the welcome page provides access to the sections of the application you must complete.

Before you switch sections or log out, make sure to click "**Save**" in the top menu bar. New information will then be stored on the HFSP server.

Note that the system will automatically log you out after 40 minutes unless you click "**Save**" while you work.

We **recommend that you work offline**, save your recommendation letter in regular ASCII format and then copy and paste it into the appropriate field. Please use a text editor such as "Notepad" (PC) or "TextWrangler" (Mac).

Formatting and Greek or mathematical symbols cannot be pasted into the forms.

4.1. Personal details

Welcome, Bob HOST SUPERVISOR

HFSP Human Frontier Science Program

Personal profile LTF/CDF Save Logout

Personal details

LT00 CANDIDATE Jane

Welcome

General information

Host supervisor personal details * Mandatory fields
research experience
list of publications
recommendation

Feedback

Preview recommendation

Preview application

Submission

Email: hostsupervisor@hfsp.org

Title: Prof. ▾

Surname (family name): * HOST SUPERVISOR

First name: * Bob

Nationality: Belgium ▾

Nationality 2: SELECT COUNTRY ▾

Nationality 3: SELECT COUNTRY ▾

Date of birth: 07 ▾ 08 ▾ 1989 ▾

ORCID Identifier:

About the ORCID identifier: <http://about.orcid.org/>

Address (use English form of city name [e.g. Munich, not München])

Department/lab:

University/institution 1: *

University/institution 2:

Street address 1:

Street address 2:

Postal code:

City: *

Country: * SELECT COUNTRY ▾

Tel (without country code):

Fax (without country code):

Website:

Save

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If you are new to HFSP please enter your personal details in the appropriate fields. Fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

If you are returning to HFSP your personal details are automatically populated in this section. Should any of your information have changed, please update it.

We recommend that you register your ORCID identifier (if you have one) as this helps us distinguish scientists who have identical names and first names.

4.2. Research experience

Please list your research experience line by line in this section.

Each time you complete a line entry, click "**Save line**".

Use (+) or (-) to add or remove lines.

Once you have finished and saved each line individually, click "**Save**".

The screenshot shows the HFSP web application interface. At the top, it says "Welcome, Bob HOST SUPERVISOR". The main header features the HFSP logo and the text "Human Frontier Science Program". Below the header is a navigation bar with "Personal profile", "LTF/CDF", a "Save" button with a checkmark, and a "Logout" link. The main content area is titled "Research experience" and contains the following text:

Click "Add first line" in the table and enter the most recent data.

Adding and deleting lines
Clicking on the "+" button will add a line *below* the current line.
Clicking on the "-" button will delete the *current* line.
You can add a new first line by clicking "Add first line".

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SAVING YOUR DATA:

1. You must save each line separately by clicking "Save line". Save a line before moving to another, either to enter or edit information.
2. After completing the table save the whole page by clicking "SAVE" on the upper menu bar.

PLEASE NOTE: the number of characters in the "Institution ..." field of each line is limited to **200**.

Below the text is a table with columns for "From", "To", and "Institution (city, country), position, area of research". An "Add first line" button is positioned to the right of the table. At the bottom of the page, there is a "Save" button and a footer that reads "Technical problems should be reported to webmaster@hfsp.org".

4.3. List of publications

Please list up to 10 of your publications.

They should be in areas closest to the applicant's proposed research and should include the titles, journals, authors and years.

Number your publications starting from "1".

4.4. Recommendation

The screenshot shows the HFSP Human Frontier Science Program web interface. At the top, it says "Welcome, Bob HOST SUPERVISOR". The main header includes the HFSP logo and the text "Human Frontier Science Program". Below the header, there are navigation links for "Personal profile" and "LTF/CDF", along with "Save" and "Logout" buttons. The main content area is titled "Letter of recommendation" and is for candidate "Jane". It includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Welcome", "General information", "Host supervisor", "Feedback", "Preview recommendation", "Preview application", and "Submission". The main text area contains instructions: "A host supervisor can only endorse one applicant in each competition year, either for a Cross-Disciplinary or for a Long-Term Fellowship. Please certify this and confirm that you endorse the research plan." It asks the supervisor to tick a box if they have personally interviewed the applicant and to provide the number of postdocs, PhD students, and technicians in their laboratory. A dropdown menu is open for "Please select:" with options "I have personally interviewed the applicant" and "I have not personally interviewed the applicant". At the bottom, it states "The evaluation criteria to be addressed are:".

In this section you will be required to provide a letter of recommendation assessing the applicant's qualifications and suitability to perform the proposed research.

Please do not indicate your name, address, the date... in this field. It should only contain the letter of recommendation.

You will first be asked to confirm that you are supporting only one applicant and that you have seen and approved the research plan. You will also be asked if you have interviewed the applicant and to indicate the number of postdocs, Ph.D. students and technicians who are currently in your laboratory.

You should endeavour in **no more than 3,500 characters (including spaces and punctuation)** to convince the review committee that the proposed research project is novel, high impact and provides an excellent opportunity for the applicant to expand their expertise to achieve their career goals.

If you are an early career scientist (i.e. in the first three years of setting up your first independent laboratory), both you and the applicant should address the common challenges facing new labs. Explain any plans for collaboration, access to experienced colleagues for troubleshooting, access to necessary infrastructure, whether the lab is fully functioning or still in the process of being set up, etc. The review committee appreciates the dynamic nature of new labs, but requires reassurance that the applicant has the environment they need to thrive.

The strongest letters contain details specific to the applicant and their research, and directly address the HFSP evaluation criteria. Be aware of [unconscious bias](#)¹ when writing your letter and try to capture evidence-based information as much as possible.

The **specific questions to address** are:

- How do you rate the accomplishments and potential of the candidate relative to previous and current opportunities in terms of career stage and field of research?
- What expertise/techniques will the applicant bring to the lab that would otherwise not be available to your lab?
- Why is your lab specifically suited for the realization of the proposed project?
- Why is this proposal frontier science? If the project is in an established area of research, in which way will it aid in overcoming existing barriers in this field or challenge existing dogmata? If it is opening a new area of research, describe the potential impact it might have on this and other fields.
- Why is an HFSP fellowship (rather than another national or international one) best suited for this applicant?

4.5. Feedback

This section **will not be sent to the review committee**, but is used by HFSP to improve our online system.

Any other information that cannot be included in the application may also be entered here. This information is **not accessible to the applicant**.

4.6. Preview recommendation

You can preview your personal details, research experience, list of publications, recommendation letter and feedback (if any).

4.7. Preview application

You can preview some sections of the applicant's application form, in particular the proposed research plan.

¹ PNAS 109 (no.41), 16474-79 (2012)

5. SUBMISSION

This is the last step in the process.

The applicant can only submit his/her application after your information has been submitted. Please ensure that you have filled in all mandatory fields before submitting.

You finalize by clicking “**Submit**”.

Both you and the applicant will immediately receive an email confirmation about the successful completion of this section of the application.

At this point you will no longer be able to modify any field related to the host supervisor section.

6. TECHNICAL HELP AND TIPS

Automatic logout

It is important that you save the information you have input within 40 minutes or the connection with the HFSP website will be interrupted and you will lose the information you have entered.

Saving

Click “**Save**” before you leave a page or logout in order to save any information you have entered on the HFSP server.

Connection problems

If you experience problems accessing the extranet site, you might have encountered a bad internet connection and the error page is stuck in the cache of your browser linked to the address. In this case try emptying the cache and try again. It can also help if you add or remove the final / in the web address. If all else fails, try installing another browser.

Browsers

The extranet site has been tested successfully with:

- Windows: Firefox > 35, Chrome > 40, Opera > 25, Internet Explorer 9, 10 & 11
- Mac OS X: Firefox > 35
- Linux: Firefox > 35, Chrome > 40

Other browsers were not tested and may produce errors.

Safari on Windows and Mac OS X have only limited functionality.

Please always use the last stable version of your browser.

Recommended browsers

Firefox: <http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/fx/>

Chrome: <http://www.google.com/chrome>

Opera: <http://www.opera.com/computer>

For further help, contact:

- webmaster@hfsp.org for technical issues,
- fellow@hfsp.org for any question concerning the application form.