

Letter of Approval by Research Supervisor for the Bene fellowship call

Applicants are required to provide a letter of approval on **official university letterhead** and **signed by the research supervisor**.

The letter should **confirm** the following information:

- a) the **approval** of the candidate's final version of their **research proposal** (not just the research topic) by the research supervisor;
- b) the **list of courses already completed and still to be completed** by the candidate in the master's/PhD program;
- c) **for PhD candidates**, confirmation that all courses will be completed and comprehensive/oral exams passed before the commencement of the award. **(For master's candidates**, there is no requirement to have completed all courses before the commencement of the award.)
- d) confirmation that the candidate has been "fast-tracked" from one program to another, if applicable.

If any of this information is missing in the letter, the document will be considered incomplete. (Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.)

Example of the letter required by IDRC:

Reference: Trees and People: Resilience in a changing climate – John G. Bene
Fellowship : *J. Smith*

a) As research supervisor of *J. Smith*, I confirm that I **approve and support the research proposal** submitted by the candidate.

b) *J. Smith* has **successfully completed** the following course(s):

STAT 890: Statistics, Survey Design and Analysis
INAF 540: International Affairs Dynamics
ECON 700: Qualitative Research Data

J. Smith needs **to complete** the following course(s):

SOC 607: Sociology analysis

c) *(for PhD candidates only)* Before the commencement of the award, *J. Smith* will **have completed all the required courses** for the PhD degree and **the comprehensive /oral examination**.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Watson, Assoc. Prof (Anthropology) and Doctoral Supervisor, Name of university