

REFERENCE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:

Note that programmes can be of 6 months, 4 months or 4 weeks duration. Typically short programmes are intended for narrowly focused topics, or for subjects at an early stage of development for which a longer programme might not be appropriate. The full details of all programmes is available at www.newton.ac.uk/science/programmes.

The Submission of Proposals document (www.newton.ac.uk/science/proposals/guidelines) and the general Policy Statement (www.newton.ac.uk/about/governance/policy-statement) together set out the key criteria for selection of programmes and I would be most grateful if you could evaluate the proposal with reference to these criteria. In your comments you may wish to address the following:

(1) On the Programme's Objectives

- a) Please say what you find distinctive, novel, ambitious, timely or creative about the present proposal.
- b) Is the programme likely to have a lasting impact?
- c) Will the programme make an impact on researchers in the UK?
- d) How do recent progress and likely future developments in the field justify this programme in two years time?
- e) Will the programme involve cross-fertilisation between mathematicians and other disciplines, within the mathematical sciences or between different branches of pure mathematics?

(2) On the Programme's Structure

- a) Is the structure suitable, given the aims and scientific objectives set out in the proposal.
- b) Is the programme likely to stimulate research among research students and young postdocs (e.g. via workshops organised within the framework of the programme)?

(3) On the Organisers and Participants

- a) Will the suggested organisers and participants result in a high-level and lively interchange of expertise and ideas?
- b) Do the organisers have the administrative and organisational skills to ensure an effective and well-arranged programme?
- c) Is the demographic balance of the organisers and participants (experience, geographical spread, gender etc) appropriate?