

Request for Letter of Recommendation

Dear referee,

You receive this letter from a student who intends to apply for our International PhD Program for Agriculture Sciences at the University of Göttingen, Germany. This program is conducted jointly by the Faculty of Agriculture with its participating university departments and research groups.

The intensive, research-oriented education qualifies advanced students for professional work in the fields of Agriculture. The program is open to students from Germany and from abroad, holding a Masters degree (or equivalent) in the agriculture, geology, biology, veterinary medicine, or related fields.

Application to this program is highly competitive. Your evaluation of the candidate's personality, academic experience, and intellectual merit is an essential tool for a fair selection and admission procedure. We kindly ask you to give your opinion of the candidate, preferably by using the attached reference report form.

The signed and stamped reference letter should be mailed or faxed to our admission office. Alternatively, it can be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign and/or stamp across the gummed flap of the envelope.

Thank you very much for your help!

Yours sincerely,

Brigitta Lunderstädt
Admission Office

Reference Report Form

Name of Applicant: _____

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Name of Referee: _____

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Title

Department

Institution

Dates of association with this applicant: (from – to): _____

Position of referee at that time (teacher, adviser, etc): _____

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students (place an "X" under the appropriate column for each assessment)

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%	Top 30%	Lower 70%
Overall Recommendation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Specific criteria					
Theoretical Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Motivation/commitment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work independently	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work as a member of a research team	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Creativity/originality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Flexibility	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Technical proficiency	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(please use the following page for additional comments)



Name of Applicant : _____
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Name of Referee: _____
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Title Department Institution

Please give your opinion of the candidate and comment specifically on his strengths and limitations for graduate study:

Date _____ Stamp/Signature: _____