



RECOMMENDATION FORM 2017

Instructions for the applicant

Please pass this form to each of the two professors you have asked to write a recommendation for you. Please inform the professor that the recommendation form is to be sent directly by the professor to the Ruhr Graduate School in Economics (via mail or via email to the address provided in the box below).

Note to the professor

The above candidate is applying for admission to the **Ruhr Graduate School in Economics** (RGS Econ, www.rgs-econ.org). We kindly ask you to complete this evaluation form to help us assess the applicant's ability to successfully participate in an internationally competitive Ph.D. program in Economics.

RGS Econ is jointly operated by the three universities of the Ruhr valley region (Bochum, Dortmund and Duisburg-Essen), and by RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, one of Germany's leading economic research institutes.

The PhD program offers postgraduate education in all relevant fields of modern economics, covering theoretical and empirical methods in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, and allowing for specializations in e.g. monetary, experimental, labor, health, industrial, resource, international, and theoretical economics. It combines rigorous, PhD-level course work with an exposure to the research environments at three economics departments and policy-oriented research at the RWI, as well as a structure that fosters collaborations, facilitates networking with the international community, and provides guidance to a timely completion of high quality dissertations.

RGS Econ is looking worldwide for applicants with an excellent academic record, a Master, Diploma or equivalent degree in economics or related fields, and a high research potential.

You may answer in English or German, as you prefer. We thank you for helping us in choosing the right candidates. This recommendation will be held in strict confidence.

Please send your completed recommendation form **before March 30th, 2017**

via mail to the director of RGS Econ, Prof. Dr. Ludger Linnemann:

Ruhr Graduate School in Economics
Prof. Dr. Ludger Linnemann
c/o RWI Essen
Postfach 10 30 54
45030 Essen, Germany

or –preferably - via email to its managing director, Helge Braun, PhD:

helge.braun@rgs-econ.de

Name of the applicant	
How long have you known the applicant?	

From which of the following events do you know the candidate?

(Please tick or comment all that apply)

	Introductory & Intermediate Levels				Advanced & Graduate Levels			
Lectures	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section Classes	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seminars	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exams	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	several	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research/Teaching Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Supervision of Diploma or Master Thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Supervision of Bachelor Thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Other (please specify)								

Please rate the performance of the applicant in comparison with other students in the same field who have the same amount of experience and training.

	Truly outstanding (top 5%)	Exceptional (top 10%)	Very good (top 25%)	Above average (top 50%)	Below average	No judgement possible
Motivation to pursue a PhD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal potential (self-discipline, determination)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Originality and intellectual creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematical and logical abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written expression and oral communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge in subject of proposed study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please comment on the applicant strengths and weaknesses and summarize your personal impression of the applicant’s research potential and suitability for a rigorous PhD Program briefly. You may also provide a separate letter.

Do you recommend the candidate for admission to the Ruhr Graduate School in Economics?

I recommend the candidate very highly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recommend the candidate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recommend the candidate with reservations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I cannot recommend the candidate.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of referee	
Position / Title	
Institution	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

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Place, Date

Signature