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Request for a reference for an applicant to the PhD Program “Parasite Infections”

Dear Referee,

You have been contacted already by an applicant to the newly established DFG Research Training Group 2046 “Parasite Infections: From Experimental Models to Natural Systems”, Berlin, Germany, and asked to provide a reference in support of her or his application. Thank you for your support to the applicant! *Parasite Infections* aims to install a cutting edge curriculum to educate “next generation” parasitologists. In an interdisciplinary approach, graduates will be trained in molecular approaches, cellular interactions and organismic studies on key parasites of model organisms, free-ranging animals and humans. The RTG students will study different parasite infections from the biological, medical, and translational perspectives. The scientists are affiliated to well-known institutes, i.e. the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, the Max Planck Institute for Colloids and Interfaces, the Leibniz Institute for Zoo & Wildlife Research, and the Robert Koch Institute as well as institutes of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Freie Universität Berlin and the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. For further information we would like to draw your attention to our website: <http://www.vetmed.fu-berlin.de/einrichtungen/institute/we06/grk2046/index.html>.

Students are selected for admission according to their qualification for the research fields of our school, their personal interests and their motivation. Your reference is a very important part of the selection procedure. Your words will be highly influential in our decision to invite them to join our program.

In order to allow a fair and equal assessment of all applicants, we ask you to use only the “standard reference form” provided with this letter. You may fill in the form using Microsoft Word, and send us the completed and signed version as either a PDF or a JPEG. Your reference will be kept confidential and we highly appreciate your openness. Please do not send a copy of your reference to the applicant or ask the applicant to send the reference to us. In this case, the application will have to be rejected. Please send the completed and signed “standard reference form” directly to grk2046@fu-berlin.de from your institutional e-mail address (please do not use a personal e-mail address, such as gmail or yahoo).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your co-operation, and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Juliane Kofer

DFG Research Training Group 2046 "Parasite Infections"
Standard Reference Form

Referee's Name & Title:

Applicant's Name:

Referee's Contact Information:

City and Date of Birth (DD.MM.YYYY):

Please mark 'X' in the appropriate box.

Relationship between the referee and candidate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Academic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tutor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please specify: |

Referee and candidate have been acquainted for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | less than a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | one to two years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | two to four years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | more than four years |

| Your evaluation of the applicant | poor | average | good | very good | outstanding | don't know |
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| Motivation | | | | | | |
| Responsibility | | | | | | |
| Creativity and originality | | | | | | |
| General academic ability | | | | | | |
| Research ability | | | | | | |
| Emotional stability | | | | | | |
| Suitability to study in a foreign country | | | | | | |

PhD Program "Parasite Infections", Berlin

Please provide us with a confidential statement giving your opinion of the promise, aptitude and general suitability of the candidate for the PhD Program "Parasite Infections", Berlin.

Location and date

Signature

Thank you very much!