



Guidelines for recommendation letters

The following questions are intended as reference points to share in a recommendation letter your impression of applicants for the Vienna Doctoral School in Physics.

Kindly add your affiliation, position and contact details in the recommendation letter. Please name the file the following: `rec_lastnameapplicant_lastnamerecommender.pdf`

- How long have you known the applicant?
- In what context have you known the applicant?
E.g. as a student engaged in a lecture course, laboratory course, research activity etc.
- What is the most selective group to which you are comparing the applicant to how many peers?
Undergraduates/Master students/Doctoral students
- In overall ability, as appropriate to graduate studies, this candidate is among the top 1-2%/top 5%/top 10%/top 25%
- Admission to graduate study at Vienna strongly recommended/recommended/recommended with reservations
- Is the applicant a fast learner and very good student, a creative and independent person, ambitious and engaged, a team player, a valid PhD candidate at your own institution? Does the applicant show special talents?
- Please include into your letter the student's qualifications, potential to carry on advanced study in the field specified, intellectual independence, teamwork, capacity for analytical thinking/laboratory skills, ability to organize and express ideas clearly, the motivation/determination, creativity, scientific knowledge and potential for teaching. Descriptions of significant actions, accomplishments, character, and personal qualities related to scholarly achievement are particularly helpful.

Thank you very much for taking the time to write the recommendation letter. Your opinion is of great value to us.