

RECOMMENDATION FORM 2025

Instruction for the applicant

Please pass this form on to a professor you have asked to write a letter of recommendation for you. The letter should be sent by the professor directly to the DIW Berlin Graduate Center.

Note to the professor

The above candidate is applying for admission to the DIW Berlin Graduate Center (see www.diw.de/gc). We kindly ask you to complete this evaluation form and write a short recommendation to help us assess the applicant's ability to successfully participate in our 5-year PhD program in Economics.

The DIW Berlin Graduate Center is a training program for postgraduates of economics and related social sciences seeking to qualify in both scientific research and profound policy advice. The GC leads them to a deep understanding of economic and social processes and offers them the opportunity to apply their knowledge within the professional research environment in one of the leading economic think tanks in Germany. The program follows a dual training approach. It offers advanced coursework during the first year, and on-the-job training within research projects of the DIW Berlin in years 2-5.

We hope that the guidelines of the form will minimize time and effort required to complete the recommendation. You may answer in English or German. We thank you for your help.

Please send your recommendation **before January 15, 2025** to

Laura Starck
Graduate Center, Applications Officer
DIW Berlin
Mohrenstrasse 58
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or via email to gradcenter@diw.de.

Personal details of the recommending professor

Name	
Position / Title	
Institution	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Personal details of the applicant

Name(s) of 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.)

Lectures	Seminars	Supervision of Diploma/ Master Thesis	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 judgment possible
Academic performance	<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"/>
Originality and intellectual creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematical and analytical abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal perseverance/ determination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation to pursue PhD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you recommend the candidate for admission to Graduate Center of DIW Berlin?

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"/>

Please comment on the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and summarize your personal impression briefly.

Place, Date

Signature