

### **Instructions for the applicant**

Please pass this form to each of the two referees whom you have asked to write a recommendation for you. Please inform the professor/instructor/lecturer that the recommendation form is to be sent directly to the Research Training Group (via mail or via email to the address provided in the box below). Ideally, one of the referees is the supervisor of your Master's thesis.

### **Note to the professor / university instructor / lecturer**

The above candidate is applying for admission to the Research Training Group "Regional Disparities and Economics Policy" funded by the German Research Foundation. The goal of the RTG is to provide an outstanding education for doctoral students in its research area while at the same time contributing to frontier research in its field. We aim to achieve this goal by combining an innovative research agenda relating to numerous relevant questions on regional aspects in several sub-disciplines in economics with an excellent and comprehensive qualification program that promotes careers in academia, research institutes, the private economy and the public sector, including international organizations. For more details, please visit [www.regional-disparities.de](http://www.regional-disparities.de).

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 in the broad research field of regional economics.

We are looking worldwide for applicants with an excellent academic record, solid knowledge of statistics/econometrics, a Master's 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 31 March 2021**

via mail to the speaker of the RTG, Professor Tobias Seidel:

**Prof. Dr. Tobias Seidel**  
**Mercator School of Management**  
**University of Duisburg-Essen**  
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or – preferably – via email to

[contact@regional-disparities.de](mailto:contact@regional-disparities.de)

(We will acknowledge the receipt of your letter via Email)



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 in the broad area of regional economics briefly (max 2,500 characters, including spaces). You may also provide a separate letter.

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**Do you recommend the candidate for admission to the Research Training Group?**

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"/>
Date ▶		
Place▶		
(Electronic) Signature / Initials▶		

Is your referee report complete? Then print it out/save it as a **PDF using the Save/Print button below** and send it along with any additional material preferably via Email from your institutional email account to [contact@regional-disparities.de](mailto:contact@regional-disparities.de) .