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Dear Colleague,

The International ENB PhD Programme of Excellence
"Exploring Quantum Matter" (ExQM)

is a joint PhD programme of the Technical University of Munich (TUM), the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU), and the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics (MPQ).

Applicants are asked to forward this letter to two referees, who can give a sound assessment of her/his aptitude to undertake a PhD study. Our selection system is highly competitive, and we kindly ask you to give your frank opinion about the academic and personal qualities of the candidate.

Please consider the following points:

- How well do you know the applicant, and for what duration of time did you have contact with her/him?
- What are your impressions of the applicant's intellectual capacity and ability in research?
- Where does the applicant rank among the students you have encountered? Are the applicant's strengths more in theory or in experiment?
- Did you supervise her/him in a research project?
- How important were her/his contributions?
- Did she/he contribute own ideas?

The application cannot be considered until we have received your reference letter. Since all applications will be reviewed shortly after the deadline (for the next one, see homepage: <http://www.exqm.de>), please make sure that your letter arrives in time. The reference letters can either be sent directly to the ExQM coordination office by Fax or mail, or given to the applicant in a sealed envelope to be included in the application package.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.

On behalf of the speaker of the ExQM

Dr. Thomas Schulte-Herbrüggen
(Coordinator)

3.) The letters of recommendation play an important role in our selection process of the candidates. A careful distinction of strong and weak points is more helpful to the candidate than standard phrases.

Please give your personal impression about the strengths and limitations of the candidate for graduate study.

Place

Date

Signature

Please authenticate the completed form additionally with a stamp of your institution.

Thank you again for all your efforts.