Dear applicant: Please provide each of your referees with a copy of this form!

**Topic 5 - Reading mental states of others versus self - the case of autism**

Dear Referee,

Ms/Mr       (Name of applicant)

is applying to the Research Training Group 2386 “Extrospection. External access to higher cognitive processes” at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany ([http://www.mind-and-and-brain.de/rtg-2386/).](http://www.mind-and-and-brain.de/rtg-2386/) The Research Training Group seeks doctoral candidates from the fields of philosophy, psychology, or neuroscience for three-year salaried research positions. Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation on her/his behalf.

The specific information we are looking for in a recommendation letter is the following (please feel free to add other aspects):

1. Does the candidate have a strong background in clinical psychology and/or cognitive neuroscience?
2. Does she/he demonstrate experience with neuroimaging experiments and data analysis?
3. Is the candidate experienced and interested in working in the highly interdisciplinary context (psychology, psychiatry, philosophy, neuroscience) of the Research Training Group?
4. In your opinion: To what extent is the candidate willing to fully participate in the research, education and training program of the Research Training Group?
5. Does the candidate demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English to participate in the Research Training Group?

Additional questions of interest to us (please answer as many questions as possible):

(1) How well does she/he work independently? Does she/he generate ideas, solve problems, get things done, etc.?

(2) How are her/his methodological/technical/statistical/mathematical skills?

(3) How well does she/he write? Can she/he create reasonable (and complete) first drafts of papers? Does her/his writing require a lot of editing?

(4) How well does she/he get along with others? Does she/he like to work in a team, or independently? Is she/he interested in learning from others in your lab or working group? Is she/he willing to work collaboratively?

(5) How does she/he stack up against other graduate students and postdocs you have known? Do you think she/he is a first-rate student?

Please send your signed, dated and scanned recommendation letter as a PDF file by e-mail, or send your letter by fax to:

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**Application deadline: 30 April 2020, 11:59:59 a.m. CEST**

**Deadline for references: 4 May 2020, 23:59:59 CEST**