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

**Topic 1 – Extrospection and the Neural Correlates of Consciousness**

*Almost two decades ago the search for the neural correlates of consciousness (NCCs) was initiated. The basic idea was to sidestep theoretical disagreements and collect empirical data instead which might eventually help to improve our understanding of consciousness. Problems regarding extrospection, that is, the acquisition of objective data regarding subjective experience, were among the key issues in the debate.*

*We invite project proposals that try to investigate whether or not a better under-standing of extrospection can support the search for the NCCs and may even contribute to improving our theories of conscious experience.*

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/>). 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 express a desire to engage with and contribute to international scientific literature?
2. Has the candidate revealed ability to engage with relevant philosophical, psychological and neuroscientific literature?
3. Is the candidate familiar with contemporary literature in philosophy of mind, epistemology and relevant research in neuroscience and psychology?
4. Does she/he demonstrate willingness and aptitude for interdisciplinary interaction and collaboration?
5. 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?
6. 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: 31 August 2020, 23:59:59 a.m. CEST**

**Deadline for references: 6. September 2020, 23:59:59 CEST**