



## Earth Systems Sciences Geo-Biology & Geo-Ecology in High-Altitude Ecosystems

August - September, 2019  
Davos, Klosters, Alvaneu, Lower Engadin, Switzerland

### Letter of Recommendation

Please download and forward this form to your evaluator. The evaluation must be completed by persons other than a faculty member in the course and be returned by e-mail or mail directly to the Course Coordinator

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#### To the Evaluator

This course will be of value to participants with a serious commitment to science and with the ability to benefit from a very intense learning experience. We would like to attract passionate students and instructors who can make best use of the possibilities offered by the Biogeoscience Course for their own learning, research and professional advancement. The selection committee would like to consider your opinion of the candidate's ability to commit to and carry out advanced studies in his/her field and to achieve a successful professional career in it. Please rank the applicant in comparison to other students / collaborators. We would like to select the most talented applicants and ask you to comment on

- Creativity
- Maturity
- Imagination
- Curiosity
- Intellectual ability
- Professional experience
- Initiative
- Commitment to and potential for success in scientific research
- Interest in high-altitude ecosystems
- English writing and reading skills\*
- Field experience (including safety precautions)

If you are the candidate's thesis advisor, the PI of a research grant or the head of a department, please also mention how you can / will support the applicant with institutional funds, project grants etc. and how the applicant will continue working at his / her "home institution" with the collected samples (if applicable) and data. The statement must also contain the approval of the candidate's absence for the full duration of the field course\*\*. Please use the following page and additional sheets, if necessary, to comment on the suitability of the course for this applicant and keep in mind:

\*\* The Biogeoscience Field Courses are requiring complete student participation in all aspects of the program for the full duration of the course. Lectures are held by instructors and guest speakers and often include small group discussions. Intensive hands-on field observations typically run all day. There is little time for much else but course work. For details and course contents please consult <https://lms.uzh.ch/url/RepositoryEntry/16318464010/CourseNode/83591083552889>

**\* Proficiency in the English language is essential for successful participation.**

If the applicant's first language is not English, please discuss his/her ease with English in your statement.

*If you are able to provide an assessment of this candidate's qualifications, we would like to ask you to comment on the points listed above. The content of your assessment will be held in the strictest confidence.*

*If you choose to decline this invitation to provide an assessment, we appreciate receiving a short message. The applicant will then be informed so that she / he may contact a different recommender. You may provide a message to the applicant directly explaining your decision to decline the invitation. Thank you for your time.*

*Please return the evaluation form, preferably as an electronic file (pdf), to the Course Coordinator at ETHZ by **June 02, 2019**, e-mail: [kurt.hanselmann@erdw.ethz.ch](mailto:kurt.hanselmann@erdw.ethz.ch)*

EVALUATOR'S NAME AND POSITION\*

INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS\*

EMAIL ADDRESS\*

NAME OF APPLICANT\*

*Please use this and additional sheets, if necessary.*

Evaluation

Evaluation continued

If you are the candidate's study advisor or work supervisor, please click the field on the right.

As study advisor or work supervisor, please approve the candidate's absence from his/her regular workplace for the entire duration of the course by clicking the field on the right.

How do you expect the candidate making use of the samples collected and the results acquired during the Biogeoscience course?

Click the green submit field to send the completed letter and additional documents, if necessary, as pdf attachments before **June 02** to the Course Coordinator and send a Cc to yourself for your records. Submission is possible from downloaded documents only and if all fields marked with \* contain an entry.