



Regional Graduate Network in Oceanography - RGNO 2019

Biogeochemical Oceanography in Upwelling Ecosystems

Letter of Recommendation

Please download and forward this form to your evaluators. The evaluations must be completed by persons other than faculty members in the course and be returned directly to the RGNO 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 RGNO Discovery Camp for their own 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

- Maturity
- Creativity
- Imagination
- Curiosity
- Intellectual ability
- Professional experience
- Initiative
- Commitment to and potential for success in scientific research
- Interest in ocean upwelling systems
- English writing and reading skills*
- Laboratory skills (including safety procedures)
- 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 and data. The statement must also contain the **approval of the candidate's absence for the full duration of the research camp****.

If you are able to provide an assessment of this candidate's qualifications, we would like to ask you to briefly comment on the points listed above. Your comments should allow us to decide whether or not this course is suitable for this applicant. Using this template and answering the points at the end saves us a lot of time.

Please keep in mind:

** RGNO Discovery Camps are requiring complete student participation in all aspects of the program for the full duration of the course. Morning lectures are held by instructors and frequent guest speakers on six days per week and often include small group discussions. Intensive hands-on laboratory experiments typically run late into the night. There is little time for much else but course work. For details and course contents please consult http://www.microeco.ethz.ch/rgno_namibia_18-21/files/RGNO_training_Namibia_Poster_USL.pdf

*** 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.

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 as an electronic file (pdf) to the Course Coordinator by **March 10, 2019**.

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EVALUATOR'S NAME AND POSITION*

INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS*

EMAIL ADDRESS*

NAME OF APPLICANT*

Please use this and additional sheets, if necessary, and return your evaluation as an electronic file (pdf)

My 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 RGNO course?

Click the green submit field to send the completed letter and additional documents, if necessary, as pdf attachments before **March 10** to Dr. Chibo Chikwililwa 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.