

I am pleased to offer this letter of recommendation for Mr. Ivan Y. Ivanov to support his application. I got to know Ivan Ivanov in September 1994, when I began to give labs in general physics to his group. While studying my course Ivan revealed a very high level of experimental and theoretical skills. During our joint discussions on various problems in physics Ivan showed good knowledge of general physics and applied mathematics. Ivan possesses a remarkable ability of grasping new ideas and putting them into plain words.

Since I was the supervisor of the laboratory work of the group, I can also evaluate his experimental skills. Ivan demonstrated very accurate performance of physical experiment. While preparing for laboratory works, Ivan often had to self-study and used a big amount of additional literature. I think that Ivan Ivanov shows a deep understanding of Physics because he has both an excellent ability to learn subject very carefully and, I believe, an outstanding ability of creating his own ideas and analyzing difficult problems.

It is not a secret that while he was a schoolboy he was a repeated winner of physical and mathematical Olympiads such as Ukrainian Physics Olympiad ( the first place in 1990,1991, 1992,1993) ; International Tournament of Physics ( 1990 ); International Tournament of Mathematics ( the first place in 1989, the second place in 1990).

As recommender, I consider the applicant as gifted and promising student. Ivan Ivanov is comparable with my best students of previous years. I highly recommend him for a program leading to the PhD degree. I am sure that the applicant will successfully accomplish a program of graduate study. The transfer to Your University, I believe, would not be difficult for him. I think that study at Your University will be useful for Ivan Ivanov, and you will have good graduate student.

Sincerely yours,

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