

I am pleased to offer this letter of recommendation for Mr. Ivan Ivanov, who has applied for admission to Your Graduate Program. I got to know Ivan Ivanov in September, 1992. I taught him course of General Physics. From 1993 I began to give labs and seminars in his group.

I may say that I was surprised by his very high level both in theoretical physics and corresponding mathematical formalism. His ability to analyze difficult physical problems are outstanding. He is known as a student who can generate his own original and unusual ideas. Ivan Ivanov was awarded a lot of grants for his excellent study, such as Landaw's grant (1993) and President's grant (1994). I think that such strong characteristics as his high intellectual potential, perseverance and his excellent ability to work independently is the serious motivation to be successful as a graduate student.

His potential as a teacher is also very high. When he was a first-year student he worked at the College of Physics and Mathematics attached to MIPT. Undoubtedly he is one of the best students at his educational level I have ever known. His general all-around academic ability is truly exceptional. Ivan has clear vision of his educational goals. His interests lie in the field of state solid body where he studies now in Chernogolovka in the Institute of State Solid Physics. I understand Ivan's intention to continue his education in Your University. He demonstrated a good communication skills outstanding candidate for your graduate school.

I strongly recommend Ivanov Ivan for Doctoral Program in Physics. I am sure that he is able to get the advanced study in physics and achieve successful results in his professional career. This opinion is based on my deep knowledge of this person. I believe that graduate study at Your University will greatly enrich applicant's knowledge of physics and help him in his further scientific life.

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