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**Departamento de Física**

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**Dear Sirs**  
**Travel Program Selection Committee**  
**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**

**Subject:** Support letter for the Winter School in Astronomy and Astrophysics

Hereby, we would like to manifest our deepest enthusiasm and unrestricted support to the initiative **Winter School in Astronomy and Astrophysics**. We believe that this is a very innovative initiative that will link to our advanced students of physics with internationally recognized German professionals in the area of Astronomy and Astrophysics. Clearly, our students and young researchers will have the opportunity to be exposed to a level of world-class research environment and high professionalism. Also we want to express our support to the idea that a group of students, coming from several good universities in Colombia, could participate in this experience.

This type of group visit, will create friendship relations among students from different parts of Colombia that will generate future collaborations and exchanges within our country. Additionally, the fact they belong to different professional levels, will also promote cooperations; more advanced can support students who has just recently started interest to the Astronomy and Astrophysics.

For all of the above reasons, we reiterate our strong support for this initiative.

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