



INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES INSTITUTE

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Directions for Letter of Reference

Dear Colleague:

You have been asked to write a letter of reference for a student applying to a program at the International Sustainable Studies Institute in Thailand. ISDSI programs are cross-cultural and experiential, with a strong emphasis on community based learning and direct experience in the cultures of Thailand and Southeast Asia.

ISDSI programs can be challenging for students, both academically and personally. Our programs and courses are designed in collaboration with local community and experts, and involve both directed experiential fieldwork as well as independent study. This program requires students to be active and engaged learners, independent, well organized, mature and good at working together in teams.

Please take a moment to look at our website (www.isdsi.org) and the program your student is applying to. We would like you to write a letter giving us your candid assessment as to how you think this student will do on this sort of program. Please let us know your assessment of this student's strengths and weaknesses. We would especially appreciate knowing how this student works with others, deals with stressful and/or ambiguous situations, and their academic qualifications. Would you want this student on a program you are leading in a developing country? Any other relevant information that you think important would be appreciated.

Please email the letter to admissions@isdsi.org.

Thank you for your assistance in this evaluation. I also write a lot of letters of recommendation and I know it takes time so I appreciate and value your input. Letters of recommendation are time consuming but very important, so thanks.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Ritchie, Ph.D.

Executive Director

International Sustainable Development Studies Institute