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Recommendation Letter for Robert Heinz – Tsadra Contemplative Scholarship

Dear Tsadra Scholarship Committee,

It is with great joy and wholehearted support that I write to recommend Robert Heinz for the Tsadra Contemplative Scholarship. This scholarship would enable him to participate in his second three-year retreat at Gomde Pyrenees, beginning in September 2026, under the profound guidance of Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche.

Robert has been a devoted student of Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche for many years. I met him personally for the first time in 2009 at Rinpoche's Shedra in Nepal, where he immersed himself in study and practice, including the Tara's Triple Excellence program.

When I met him again at Gomde Pyrenees in 2022, I was deeply impressed by his sincerity and dedication—so much so that I personally encouraged him to undertake the three-year retreat. His love for retreat practice is evident, and I have no doubt that under the continued guidance of Drubpon-la and Rinpoche, he will make exceptional progress on the path.

Beyond his practice, Robert possesses a rare and beautiful combination of qualities: a kind and generous heart, a sharp intellect, and a steadfast commitment to the Dharma. As a professional psychotherapist, he has been an invaluable presence in the retreat community, offering support and wisdom to fellow practitioners. It is truly uncommon to encounter someone who has not only studied Buddhism in depth but also embodies its teachings with such genuine longing and discipline.

It is with the utmost respect and confidence in Robert's potential that I urge the Tsadra Foundation to grant him this scholarship. Your generosity makes it possible for dedicated practitioners like him to deepen their practice in retreat, benefiting both themselves and the wider Dharma community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. Thank you for your compassionate support of practitioners worldwide.

With sincere regards,
Heidi Köppl

Translator for Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche
