FORM OF REFERENCE FOR GRADUATE APPLICATION

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Last (Family) Name _____ First (Given) Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFEREE

Last (Family) Name _____ First (Given) Name _____ Middle Initial _____

I have known the applicant for _____ years as _____ (in what capacity, e.g., instructor, supervisor)
My speciality area is _____ and my title is _____
My phone number is _____ and my email is _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A. How has the applicant achieved the goals (good grades in a class, good research results)? Check as many as apply.

□ By consistent hard work □ By grade consciousness □ By virtue of memory □ By superior analytical skills

□ Other and explain _____

B. Compared to other individuals you have taught or worked with, check how you would rate the applicant.

Specifically

	A notable weakness	Could have been better	Average/ just fine	Better than most	Exceptional (top 5%)	Do not know
Interest in science and research	□	□	□	□	□	□
Integrity and dedication to science	□	□	□	□	□	□
Ability to work independently	□	□	□	□	□	□
Willing to work hard and long	□	□	□	□	□	□
Ability to work with others	□	□	□	□	□	□
Resilience/ability to cope with adversity	□	□	□	□	□	□
Warmth of personality	□	□	□	□	□	□
Overall	□	□	□	□	□	□

	Below average	Average (50%)	Good (top 25–10%)	Excellent (top 10–5%)	Exceptional (top 5%)	Do not know
Academic achievement	□	□	□	□	□	□
Personal qualities and character	□	□	□	□	□	□
How do you recommend the applicant	□ Do not	□ w/reservation	□ Fairly strongly	□ Strongly	□ Strongest	□

Other

• Please include any additional comments about this candidate in your cover letter.

. . . . . ***We greatly appreciate your time and effort.***