

What is your estimate of the applicant's promise as a graduate student? (Intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking, ability to organize and express ideas clearly, scholarly and professional potential, etc.) Attach additional pages if needed.

In the table below, please rank the applicant's ability and professional competence in comparison to other individuals whom you have known at similar stages in their careers.

	Top 5% Superior	Top 15% Excellent	Top 25% Very Good	Top 50% Average	Lower 50% Below Average	Unable to Rank
General knowledge						
Self-reliance, motivation						
Originality & creativity						
Emotional stability, maturity						
Ability to make decisions						
Writing skills						
Verbal skills						
Growth potential						
Skills in relating to others						
Cultural sensitivity						

Please indicate your overall endorsement of the applicant:
 Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with Reservation

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____
 (Print)

Address: _____
 (Department/Institution)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If the applicant has waived the right to inspect this reference, please return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal.