

ACADEMIC REFEREE'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

• POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2027

INTRODUCTION

Flinders University students DO NOT need to provide academic references

Instructions for the applicant - Please complete Section A below, then forward the form to your referees. You should choose appropriate referees. They should have an informed, personal and professional knowledge of your academic ability and should be able to exercise judgement of your research potential. It is recommended that you select the supervisor of the most recent tertiary program in which you are/were enrolled or the Head of Department or the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Department.

Instructions for the referee – Under normal circumstances the University will treat the contents of this form as confidential and the applicant will not have access to it. However you should be aware that in some circumstances, the University may be required by Australian law to provide the applicant with access to this form. Please complete Sections B and C, and forward the form by the closing date (1 October 2026) directly to:

Email: hdr.scholarships@flinders.edu.au

SECTION A: (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

- 1 Family Name:
- 2 Other Names:
- 3 Which research higher degree do you wish to undertake (tick appropriate box)?

☐ Master of Arts	☐ Master of Clinical Rehabilitation	☐ Master of Theology
☐ Master of Arts in Applied Population Studies	☐ Master of Engineering	☐ Doctor of Medicine
☐ Master of Arts (Social Work)	☐ Master of Laws	☐ Doctor of Philosophy
☐ Master of Biotechnology	☐ Master of Science	
☐ Master of Business	☐ Master of Surgery	
☐ Other degree (please specify) :		

Now forward this form to your referee, ensuring that he/she has adequate time to return it directly to Flinders University by the Scholarship closing date 1 October 2026 .

SECTION B: (TO BE COMPLETED BY REFEREE)

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Please provide an objective assessment of the applicant. Rate the applicant under the following headings by placing a number in the range of 1 to 5 in the appropriate box. A score of 1 indicates that an applicant's performance is not acceptable and a score of 5 indicates outstanding potential.

Research potential	_____	<i>Overall research potential, (as distinct from examination results).</i>
Creative ability	_____	<i>Ability to develop original ideas, hypotheses, to write original compositions or to assemble orthodox work in some original way.</i>
Initiative	_____	<i>Ability to embark on new ideas or approaches without prompting.</i>
Motivation	_____	<i>Commitment to working towards completion of a research higher degree.</i>
Perseverance	_____	<i>Ability to work steadily, even in difficult circumstances where direction is minimal.</i>
Critical Ability	_____	<i>To differentiate between sound and irrationally based thinking.</i>
Ability to communicate	_____	<i>Both written and spoken and in English.</i>

1 **My professional knowledge of the applicant is:**

Incomplete ☐ Adequate ☐ Good ☐ Very Good ☐ Very detailed ☐

2 **Based on the applicant's overall academic performance and research potential the degree of support I give the applicant is:**

Nil ☐ Moderate ☐ Fairly Strong ☐ Strong ☐ Unreserved ☐

3 **In which year(s) of the applicant's career have you known him/her?**

4 **In what capacity have you known the applicant (eg. tutor, lecturer, supervisor, etc)?**

SECTION C:

REFEREES are requested to provide additional comments below on the applicant's qualities, including:

- capacity to work well with colleagues.
- future potential for research contribution to the field of knowledge.
- particular aspects of the applicant's performance that have impressed you in regard to his/her research potential.
- in the case of applicants in the Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences areas, relevant comments concerning cultural understanding and awareness, linguistic ability etc. may be helpful.
- any information as to the applicant's research potential which is not apparent from the academic record.
- any information as to the contribution of the applicant to publications.

Your written report is **IMPORTANT** and may be referred to in detail during the selection process. If possible, please complete this form electronically, or attach typewritten comments, to ensure that your report can be easily read.

Referee's Name:

Referee's Position:

Institutional Address:

Signature of Referee:

Date:
