



## ACADEMIC REFEREE'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP (AGRTPS)  
FLINDERS INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP (FIPRS)

### INTRODUCTION

#### Instructions for the applicant

Please complete Section A below, then forward the form to your referee. You should choose appropriate referees. If possible they should have an informed, personal and professional knowledge of your academic ability and are able to exercise judgment of your research potential. It is recommended that you select the supervisor of the most recent tertiary program in which you are/were enrolled and 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 7 August 2020 directly to:

[rhdscholarships@flinders.edu.au](mailto:rhdscholarships@flinders.edu.au)

Telephone: International + 61 + 8 + 8201 2727  
Facsimile: International + 61 + 8 + 8201 3177

### SECTION A (To be completed by applicant)

Family Name:

Other Names:

Level of course you are applying for:

Masters by research

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

**Please forward this form to your referee, ensuring that they can complete and return this to Flinders University by 7 August 2020.**

## SECTION B (To be completed by referee)

Applicants full name:

Please 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. Please use your knowledge of the applicant in relation to all candidates for research studies that you have known.

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

**Your professional knowledge of the applicant is:** (Please tick appropriate box)

Incomplete  Adequate  Good  Very Good  Very detailed

**Based on the quality of completed work, the applicant has a record which is:** (Please tick appropriate box)

Poor  Mediocre  Good  Very Good  Outstanding

**Based on the applicant's overall academic performance and potential for the proposed course, the degree of support I give the applicant is:** (Please tick appropriate box)

Nil  Moderate  Fairly Strong  Strong  Unreserved

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

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

**SECTION C (To be completed by referee)**

Applicants full name:

Please rank the applicant against others who have completed a similar degree by providing an estimate the percentage of students who have achieved equal or greater results. For example a score of 15 percent would indicated that 15 percent of students completing a similar qualification achieved similar or greater academic scores. Please base estimates only on coursework performance. Research ability and experience will be considered separately. If exact figures are available (for example, the applicant was ranked at 132 out of 147 students completing a similar degree) please report this information instead of an estimate of percentage.

## SECTION C continued (To be completed by referee)

Applicants full name:

Referees are also requested to provide comments below, on the applicant's qualities. These might include:

- 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 type written comments, to ensure that your report can be easily read. This form can be downloaded from <http://www.flinders.edu.au/Scholarships/>

Referee's Name:

Referee's Title:

Department:

University or Organisation:

**Signature of Referee:**

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**Date:**

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