Research Degrees

Applicant Reference Request

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The candidate named below has applied for admission to read for a Research Degree with the Open University Faculty of . We would be grateful if you would provide a reference for the applicant to assist us in our assessment of the application.

**Please return by email to:** **@open.ac.uk** OR by fax to **01908**

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| **Applicant’s name** |  |
| **Proposed research topic** |  |
| **How long have you known the applicant?** |  |
| **In what capacity?** |  |
| Please rate the applicant’s academic performance and potential by checking appropriate boxes: |

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|  | **Outstanding** | **Above****Average** | **Average** | **Below****Average** | **Inadequate****Opportunity****to Observe** |
| **Academic** **achievement** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Academic****potential** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Originality** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Judgement** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| **Industry** | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |

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| **Please rank the applicant’s aptitude for postgraduate study and research against other students you have associated with** | **In comparison with** **other students I have associated with over the past** **years, I would rank this applicant’s aptitude for postgraduate study and research as follows** (check one box only)[ ]  Among the top 5% [ ]  Among the top 10% [ ]  Among the top 25% [ ]  Among the top 50% [ ]  Among the lower 50%  |
| **I would recommend the applicant’s admission to a comparable graduate programme at my own institution ( if applicable)** | [ ]  Without reservation[ ]  With certain reservations[ ]  Not at all[ ]  Comparable programme does not exist  |
| **Please include any further relevant information that could assist us in our evaluation of the applicant’s potential for post graduate studies and research** |       |
| **Referee’s Name** |       |
| **Institution** |       |
| **Position** |       |
| **Signature** |       |
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