



PhD Degree

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Course Applied for _____

Name of Candidate _____

Address of Candidate _____

To the referee:

Thank you for agreeing to write a reference for the above applicant. Please address the following questions in your reference, and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign the back of the envelope over the seal.

1. Name of Referee _____

2. Current Position _____

3. Current Institution _____

4. How is the applicant known to you?

5. How long has the applicant known you? _____

6. Has the applicant discussed his/her intention to do a PhD with you?

7. How well do you know the applicant's academic work?

8. How would you rank the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have taught over the past three years?

Top 2% ☐ Top 5% ☐ Top 10% ☐ Top 20% ☐

Please comment on your ranking.

9. Would you recommend this person for a PhD programme?

Very strongly ☐ Strongly ☐ Not recommend ☐

Please comment

10. How well do you know the applicant's research capabilities?

Very well ☐ Reasonably well ☐ Don't Know ☐

11. In your experience, how would you rank the applicant in terms of the following:

	Very High	High	Average	Low	Very Low	Don't Know
General Academic ability						
Ability to undertake original research						
Ability to write clearly and fluently						
Ability to pursue independent work on their own						
Perseverance						
Work commitment						

Thank you for providing this reference.

Professor Abbey Hyde
Research Degrees Coordinator