**ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM**

**Research Degrees Programmes**

**Research Degree Programme Applied for** *(Tick one):*

PhD ☐

MSc Research ☐

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| Name of Applicant |  |
| Address |  |

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would be grateful if you would complete this form to provide a reference for the applicant above.

No final decision can be made concerning this application until references are received, so I would be grateful for your urgent attention to this request.

Please return this form via email to: Programme Administrator: [ResearchDegrees.nmhs@ucd.ie](mailto:ResearchDegrees.nmhs@ucd.ie)

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre O’Donnell

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Dr Deirdre O’Donnell

Director Graduate Research

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| 1) How is the applicant known to you? |  |
| 2) How long have you known the applicant? |  |
| 3) Please comments on the applicant’s academic work |  |
| 4) Please comment on the research experience/ abilities of the applicant |  |
| 5) Please comment on the research capabilities of the applicant to complete their research degree |  |

1. 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

1. Please rank the applicant in terms of the following:

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|  | 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Referee Name |  |
| Current academic position |  |
| Institution |  |
| Referee signature |  |

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