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: | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Outstanding** | **Above**  **Average** | **Average** | **Below**  **Average** | **Inadequate**  **Opportunity**  **to Observe** | | **Academic**  **achievement** |  |  |  |  |  | | **Academic**  **potential** |  |  |  |  |  | | **Originality** |  |  |  |  |  | | **Judgement** |  |  |  |  |  | | **Industry** |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **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** |  |
| **Date** |  |