



Academic Reference Form

Applicant:

Please complete the top section of this form and ask a professor at the college or university level to complete the reference section or attach a letter of reference. Personal references may be submitted only as additional support.

Applicant Information

Name _____
first middle last nickname

Current address _____

_____ street

_____ city state postal code

Telephone _____
area code

Email _____

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to World Learning/SIT in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process. Please check one and sign:

☐ I do waive my right of access to this recommendation.

☐ I do **not** waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Signature _____ Date _____

☐ Fax or email to SIT Study Abroad:

Fax 802 258-3296 | Email studyabroad@sit.edu

Reference:

SIT Study Abroad is a rigorous interdisciplinary program that expects students to learn from both traditional and field-based academic methods and to synthesize these approaches. SIT Study Abroad asks for references from a professor at the college or university level. Students are involved in challenging cross-cultural situations, both in and out of the classroom. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of academic and personal motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We cannot overemphasize, therefore, the value of your candid appraisal in enabling us to determine whether the applicant is appropriate for this kind of program and, if so, to help him or her obtain the most from the experience. We will be happy to accept a letter in lieu of this form.

Please note: We accept students into programs on a rolling basis. Many programs fill to capacity before the deadline. A space cannot be reserved until all of a student's application materials are received. Since the candidate's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form, please submit this form in a timely manner to the student or to SIT Study Abroad as indicated by the student above.

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? _____

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Address _____
street

_____ city state postal code

Email _____ Telephone _____
area code



Applicant's name _____

Program name _____

Academic Reference Form (continued)

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Writing ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to express himself or herself orally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to cope with ambiguity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to adjust to and cope with unusual/uncomfortable situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with a group of peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common sense and good judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I ☐ would ☐ would not expect the student to be appropriate and considerate as a homestay participant.

I ☐ would ☐ would not enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain: _____

What are this student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

What are this student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

Please comment on the student's motivation for studying abroad. Does he or she have the ability and maturity to achieve his or her goals in studying abroad?

Additional comments

Signature _____ Date _____