



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Report on Candidate for
Admission to Graduate Studies

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Referee Form (for Current SFU MA Students)

To the Applicant:

Fill out the following information and provide this form to your referee.

Name: _____

Program: ☐ Clinical ☐ Experimental

Proposed Area of Specialization: _____

To the Referee:

We solicit your candid evaluation of the applicant's preparation for graduate study, range of abilities and accomplishments, and creative and intellectual promise. Please complete the following questions. A letter of reference explaining/expanding on these topics may be attached in lieu of Section B.

The British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act allows an applicant to have access to the information contained in his/her letters of reference where that can be done without disclosing the identities of the referees who supply a reference in confidence. It is understood between Simon Fraser University and yourself that this letter of reference is supplied in confidence unless you state otherwise.

Section A

1. You have known the applicant as (check as many as may apply):

☐ A student in one class

☐ A student in more than one class

☐ A thesis supervisor

☐ A research assistant

☐ A teaching assistant

☐ Other: _____

2. You know the applicant:

☐ Slightly

☐ Moderately

☐ Well

☐ Very Well

3. Compared with all recent MA graduates that you have known, how does this applicant rank on the following characteristics?

	Unknown	Lower 50%	Top 50%	Top 25%	Top 10%	Top 5%	Top 1%
a. Academic Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Intellectual Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Originality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Skill at Research, or Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Industry / Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Writing Skill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Oral Communication Skill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Overall Suitability for PhD Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. For approximately how many graduate school applicants have you personally written letters of reference in the last 5 years? _____ (number). How does this student rank within that group?

Unknown

☐

Lower 50%

☐

Top 50%

☐

Top 25%

☐

Top 10%

☐

Top 5%

☐

Top 1%

☐

5. If the applicant were applying to work with you, what would be your decision?

Outright Reject

□

Marginal Reject

□

Qualified Accept

□

Outright Accept

☐

Section B

Please provide further comments about the candidate that you think might be useful to us in making our decision. For example, you may wish to explain the basis of your ratings in Section A, or you can comment on other strengths and weaknesses the applicant may possess. If you have previously recommended students that have been accepted in our graduate program, it would be very helpful if you would explicitly compare this applicant to them. Lastly, please feel free to attach a letter of reference in lieu of this section, if you wish.

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Section C (please print)

Name of Referee	Title	Date
Signature	Department / Institution	Telephone

This confidential report must be both prepared by and signed by the referee named above. Evidence to the contrary will result in the cancellation of any offer of admission (whether or not accepted), and/or expulsion from the university.

Please return the completed report either:

1. to the student in the envelope provided—**seal** and **sign** the envelope **along the back flap**—or
2. submit to the Graduate Program Assistant (RCB 5251)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!