**Referee form**

***Please ensure that your reference is submitted by the deadline of* 5.00pm Thursday 7 January 2021**

You have been nominated as a referee in support of an application for postgraduate study to the MRC DTP held between the Universities of Birmingham, Leicester and Nottingham. We would be grateful if you would provide us with a reference on the applicant's academic and general suitability to undertake the proposed course of study.

**Please note that this reference may also be used to assess a candidate’s suitability to receive funding; therefore please complete all sections fully. Thank you for your support.**

How to submit your reference:

Please send this completed academic reference form, by email (from a work based email address) to: mrc-impact@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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| **Applicant’s name:** | **Institution applied to: (please tick)** | **Date:** |
|  | University of Birmingham [ ] University of Leicester [ ] University of Nottingham [ ]  |  |
| **Referee’s name:** | **Signature:***(Not required if sent from an academic based email address)* |
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| **Referee’s email address:**  |
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| **Company or Institution:** |
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| **In what capacity do you know this applicant (dissertation supervisor, personal tutor, course leader, line manager etc)?** |
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| **How long have you known the applicant?** |
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| Please tick here if you **do not** consent for us to disclose the information provided in this reference, to the applicant. If requested by the individual to release this information, we will take your consent preference into account when considering all of the circumstances and deciding if it is appropriate. |[ ]

**Academic Referees only**

***This section is essential.***

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| Please indicate the ranking of this student (where possible): | In top 1-5%  |[ ]
|  | In top 10%  |[ ]
|  | In top 25%  |[ ]
|  | In top 50%  |[ ]
|  | In bottom 50%  |[ ]

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|  | **Poor** | **Average** | **Good** | **Very good** |
| Level of motivation for research: |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Intellectual ability: |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Ability to communicate - written: |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Ability to communicate – spoken:  |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Would you recruit this applicant to your research group or PG course? Yes [ ]  / No [ ]  / NA [ ]

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| **Undergraduate study.** Please give a result of any undergraduate-level degree this candidate is currently undertaking or has recently undertaken.Is this an **actual** grade or a **predicted** grade? (Delete as appropriate). |  |
| **Postgraduate study.** Please give a result of any Masters-level degree this candidate is currently undertaking or has recently undertaken.Is this an **actual** grade or a **predicted** grade? (Delete as appropriate). |  |

**Professional and/or Academic reference section**

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| **Please can you ensure that your statement covers all of the points below? (***please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)* |
| **Previous performance:** *Include a realistic assessment of the quality of the applicant’s academic work and / or performance to date, (providing evidence to support your comments) and being as specific as possible.*  |
| **Preparedness for doctoral study:** *Your assessment of the applicant’s preparedness to undertake postgraduate research, including their capacity for original thought and ability to grasp concepts and reason analytically*. |
| **The applicant’s motivation and perseverance in achieving objectives:** *Comment on their ability to complete their postgraduate studies successfully and on time. Please provide evidence of work which has previously been completed within a given timescale.* |
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**Other comments**

**THANK YOU - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REFERENCE BY THE DEADLINE of 5.00PM THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2021 TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF THIS FORM.**