

## Postgraduate Research Scholarships Academic Referee's Confidential Report

### Section A

(To Be Completed by Applicant)

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Given:** \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Gowrie Research Trust Fund Scholarship (Closing: 31 October 2009)

Applicants have the right to choose their own referees. However, in the case of Honours students or recent graduates of Adelaide University, it is recommended that:

- one referee should preferably be the supervisor of the Honours (or equivalent) program in which the applicant is/was enrolled; and
- the second referee may be another member of staff in the department who is familiar with the applicant's academic performance and/or honours or other research work, or the applicant's prospective postgraduate supervisor if he/she has sufficient knowledge of the applicant.

If this is not possible, applicants are advised to resolve with the head of department the matter of the most suitable referees.

Applicants for more than one scholarship at Adelaide University need to have this form completed only once by each of the two referees.

### Section B

(To Be Completed By Referee)

**NOTE TO REFEREES:** You are requested to complete the report form and forward it directly to: **Adelaide Graduate Centre**, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia, 5005, Fax; (08) 8303 5725. In the event that you require further information please ring the Graduate Centre on (08) 8303 3044. This report form is used for a wide range of scholarships with various closing dates. Referees are requested to complete and return the form as soon as possible after receiving it, or the applicant may be disadvantaged.

The score you provide will be an assessment of the applicants research potential in the range of 1 to 10.

**Please apply your present knowledge of the applicant in relation to all Honours level candidates you have known in your capacity as a supervisor of postgraduate or Honours students and your own appreciation of Honours standards.**

Explanation of percentile scores on a scale of 1 - 10

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| 10 - you indicate that the applicant's research potential is in the top 1 % of all research candidates you have known |                |
| 9 - top 10%,  | 5 - upper 50%  |
| 8 - top 20%   | 4 - lower 40%  |
| 7 - top 30%   | 3 - lower 30%  |
| 6 - top 40%   | 2 - lower 20%. |

**B.1 RESEARCH POTENTIAL: (as distinct from examination results).** *Referees are invited to comment in greater detail in their written remarks if they are of the opinion that an applicant's research potential is not consistent with his/her undergraduate academic performance, giving reasons for this opinion.*

Score

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**B.2 Applicant's Honours results** *(Please indicate whether actual or expected)*

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**B.3 Would you describe your professional knowledge of the applicant as**

Very Good

Adequate

Incomplete

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**B.4 Based on the applicant's overall academic performance and potential for the proposed course, the degree of support I give the applicant is**

Strong

Moderate

Poor

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**ALL REFEREES** are also requested to provide comments below, on the applicant's qualities. These might include capacity to work well with colleagues and future potential for contribution to the field of knowledge. Please include comment on the particular aspects of the applicant's performance that have impressed you with regard to his/her research potential. Your written report is regarded as **IMPORTANT** and may be referred to in detail during the selection process. It is requested that it be **TYPEWRITTEN** if possible in the interest of legibility. Please attach a separate sheet of paper if required.

REFEREE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY/ORGANISATION \_\_\_\_\_

REFEREE'S POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_