DATA61 PHD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION –

ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT

# University: Select a University.....

***For the applicant*** – Please complete Section A below, and forward the form separately to the two people who will act as your academic referees for your Data61 scholarship application, together with a copy of your research proposal. Please note the following:

* Referees should be senior academics who are conversant with your most recent studies.
* At least one of the referees should be an academic supervisor with independent knowledge of your research degree who can assess your ability to undertake research.
* One of the two referees may be a current supervisor.
* If you completed your degree more than 5 years ago, please select an academic referee who can comment on your degree, and a referee who is familiar with your current research work.
* The Data61 supervisor nominated in your Data61 scholarship application should not be a referee.

***For the referee*** – The receipt of two independently submitted referee reports is part of the eligibility criteria for a Data61 scholarship. Your report will be reviewed together with other documentation submitted by the student as part of the scholarship assessment process. It will assist if you answer all questions fully, and provide detailed comments where requested.

**Please do not return this form to the applicant. Once complete, please email it directly to:**

**The Data61 Scholarship Administrator. Email:** [**data61-scholarships@csiro.au**](mailto:data61-scholarships@csiro.au)

**DEADLINE for return of this form is by 5.00pm AEST one week after the** [**application closing date**](https://www.data61.csiro.au/en/Collaborate-with-us/Students/Our-Scholarship-Program)

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| **Section A (to be completed by the applicant)** | | | | | | |
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| 2. Family name:       Given names:    3. Male  Female  4. Date of Birth:  (eg. 6 December 1984 = 06/12/84) | | | | | | |
| 5. Postal address:  Telephone:       Facsimile:  Email:       Mobile: | | | | | | |
| 6. What is your proposed course? | | | | | | |
| 7. What is your proposed Faculty & School: | | | | | | |
| Faculty: |  |  | | School: |  |  |
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| **Section B (to be completed by referee).**  **Please type or print in black - Confidential (not to be returned to applicant)** | | |
| **Referee’s Instructions:** Please complete Section B for the student who has nominated you as a referee. Please include in the space provided at Question 6 a general statement regarding the applicant’s research potential and suitability for the research proposed. It is important that **all questions** are answered to ensure that applicants can be fully and accurately assessed.  If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Data61 Scholarship Administrator by email at [data61-scholarships@csiro.au](mailto:data61-scholarships@csiro.au) | | |
| (a) Name of referee:       Position or title:  Occupation: | | |
| (b) Work/Institution address: | | |
| Telephone: | Facsimile: | |
| Email: | | Mobile: |
| (c) In what capacity do you know the applicant?  Academic supervisor  Other *(please explain):* | | |

**Please complete either Question 1** *or* **Question 2**

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| **Question 1** |
| The following comments are based on an awareness of the student’s performance in:  (a) Course Name eg. *BA Hons, Masters by Research*  (b) Institution         (c) Is this an undergraduate course in which Honours is awarded?  Yes, go to (d)  No, go to Question 2  (d) Is the student’s Honours result finalised?  Yes, go to (e)  No, go to (f)  (e) Show the actual mark and level of Honours obtained       go to (f)  (f) Show the lowest mark in which Honours 1 is awarded at your institution       go to (g)  (g) Show the level of Honours it is predicted the student will receive       go to (h)  (h) Based on the quality of work for which Honours is/will be awarded the applicant is seen as having a record which is  in the top 10% of honours candidates  in the top 25% of honours candidates  in the top 50% of honours candidates  other  **go to Question 3** |

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| **Question 2** |
| (a) In the degree undertaken by the student, what is the proportion of (i) Research      % (ii) Coursework      %?  (b) Based on the quality of work in the course and over the total duration of the course, the applicant is seen as having a record that is:  in the top 5% of students  in the top 10% of students  in the top 15% of students  in the top 25% of students  in the top 50% of students  other  (c) Indicate the total number of students in the year of study and the candidate’s approximate position in the class:  e.g. 2/200  **go to Question 3** |

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| **Question 3** |
| Please rate the applicant’s performance in the areas named below by checking the appropriate box using your present knowledge of the applicant in relation to all Honours/Masters/PhD candidates you have known.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | no opportunity to observe | below average | average  (60-41%) | above average  (40-26%) | very good  (25-11%) | excellent  (top 10%) | | (i) | Knowledge of own discipline |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (ii) | Ability to express ideas |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (iii) | Command of research techniques |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (iv) | Critical and/or analytical ability |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (v) | Initiative and motivation |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (vi) | Ability to plan |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (vii) | Perseverance in pursing aims |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (Viii) | Fluency in written English |  |  |  |  |  |  | | (ix) | Fluency in spoken English |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |

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| **Question 4** | |
| (a) Has the student undertaken any research or investigative work?  Yes, go to (b)  No, go to Question 5  (b) Based on the applicant’s previous overall performance and potential for the proposed course, I believe the student will complete the proposed course: | |
| in the top 5% of research degree candidates  in the top 15% of research degree candidates  in the top 50% of research degree candidates | in the top 10% of research degree candidates  in the top 25% of research degree candidates  other |

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| **Question 5** |
| Please comment on the reasons for the gradings in question 3 & 4, and other matters relevant to the applicant, in the space provided below. |

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| **Question 6** |
| (a) Please provide comments on the student’s abilities, performance and potential and suitability for the research proposed. Please include any research or investigative work they may have undertaken and any other comments which you believe may assist in assessing the applicant. In particular, we would like to know why you think the applicant will complete a research higher degree in minimum time (3 years full time for PhD, 2 years full time for Masters by Research).    (b) Using percentages of 75% (HWAM) = 1st class Honours, and 85% (HWAM) = a University Medal, where would you place this student on this scale? |
| Signature: Date: Date: |

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| **The referee is requested to forward this report directly to the Data61 Scholarship Administrator by email:** |
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