# Academic Reference Instruction Form 1



## **Board of Graduate Studies**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR A REFEREE SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A GRADUATE COURSE

(1) To be completed by the applicant	
Applicant's Name	Proposed Study
Last (family)	Degree Type
First (personal)	Programme of study
Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr etc)	or research area
Contact Details	Department
Email	Application Number
Telephone	(if already available)
Date of Birth Sex	Applicant's Signature
DD MM YYYY Female	Signature Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
(2) To be completed by the referee	
Referee's Name	Referee's Contact Details
Name	Email
Position	Telephone
Institution	Address
Institution Name	City
Dept/Faculty	Country
How long have you known the applicant? In what context do you know him/her?	

This form is not the reference. Please now write your reference or recommendation in English on a separate sheet of paper.

The paper should be the letterhead of your institution: if you are not able to use a letterhead, please attach your business card. The reference should also be signed, as we cannot accept electronic or scanned signatures. Please address references to 'The Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies' and make sure you sign and date the reference.

Please comment on the applicant's academic fitness and general suitability to undertake the proposed course of research or study, in relation to the qualification sought. Also include any other information which you think is relevant to the application. If the applicant's native language is not English, please comment on the applicant's level of fluency and proficiency, particularly in the context of their academic work, if known. If the applicant is intending to study part-time, please include a statement about his/her ability to manage different responsibilities simultaneously.

### (3) DECLARATION AND DATA PROTECTION

DATA PROTECTION ACT (1998): Please indicate, by ticking one of the boxes below, whether or not you agree to this reference being released to the person in respect of whom it is written, should that person seek its disclosure. If you do not indicate a preference below, we will assume that you do not agree to the disclosure of your reference if the person concerned seeks its disclosure. Please note that there might be circumstances under which the University would be required to make a disclosure irrespective of your wishes. In such a case, your name would not be disclosed. However, the University will treat your reference in strict confidence insofar as the law permits.

I DO NOT agree to the release of this reference if the person concerned seeks disclosure

I agree to the release of this reference if the person concerned seeks disclosure

I confirm that the information given above and on the appended reference letter is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that the University of Cambridge may refuse admission if it discovers that any information given has been falsified or is inaccurate.

Referee's Signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

#### (4) DELIVERY

#### To deliver, please:

1) Enclose two copies (UK applicants) or three copies (non-UK applicants) of reference in a SEALED envelope.

2) Sign your name across the seal and cover it with clear tape.

3) Return the envelope to the applicant. Please do not send it direct to the University of Cambridge.