**Scholarship Referee Report**

**This report must be submitted by Monday 14 October 2024.**

**The student’s application will not be accepted without this report. Late reports will NOT be accepted.**

The referee may email the report directly to the GRDC contact listed on the website if preferred. This must be before the due date.

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| **CANDIDATE DETAILS** |
| **Title** |  | **First Name:**  |       | **Surname:**  |       |
| **Proposed topic of study:** |       |
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| **REFEREE DETAILS** |
| **Title** |  | **First Name:**  |       | **Surname:**  |       |
| **Position:** |       |
| **Organisation:** |       |
| **Postal Address:** |       |
|  | **State:** |  | **Postcode:** |       |
| **Phone Number:** |       | **Mobile:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |
| **I have known the candidate for:**  |   | **Years**  |  | **Months** |
| **I have known the candidate as a:** |   | If other, please specify:       |
| **I have been his/ her:**  |  | If other, please specify:       |
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| **REFEREE REPORT** |
| **How would the candidate rate among students or colleagues in the applicant’s general or special field** (e.g. engineering, chemistry, biology etc) **and at their level of training? Mark the check box in each rating scale below to indicate your evaluation of the candidate:** |
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|  |  | **Insufficient opportunity to judge** | **Average and below** | **Above average** | **Among best 25%** | **Among best 10%** | **Exceptional** |
| **A** | **BACKGROUND PREPARATION**degree of mastery of the basic knowledge and skills in the field | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **B** | **CRITICAL MINDEDNESS**ability to understand and evaluate the scientific literature in the field | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **C** | **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**Ability to communicate ideas and outcomes to other researchers and the public | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **D** | **FORMULATION OF IDEAS**ability to formulate ideas clearly and precisely | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **E** | **ABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT OPERATION WITHOUT CLOSE SUPERVISION** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **F** | **GENERAL ALL-ROUND SCIENTIFIC / ACADEMIC ABILITY** | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

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| **Comment on any other factors you consider relevant in making this final rating** (e.g. recognition by research community, proved or disproved prevailing theories, quality of papers/ thesis, formal and informal communication etc): |
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| **Comment on the candidate’s communications skills** (e.g. the ability to communicate both orally and in writing)? |
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| **In the time you have known the candidate, how would you describe the candidate’s scientific capabilities?**  |
|  | Comments:       |
| **In overall ability as a research worker how would you rank the student?** |
|  | Comments:       |
| **State the candidate’s main weakness and whether they are likely to affect the candidate’s ability to complete the proposed project:** |
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| **State any other facts that you think that the GRDC should know when evaluating the candidate’s ability.** For example: Is the candidate thorough, foresighted, persistent, curious and able to work harmoniously with others, Does the candidate think clearly, command loyalties, organise well and is the candidate likely to show continuous growth in the field? Please note: These characteristics are merely suggestions  |
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| **DECLARATION** |
| I, the referee declare that the information supplied by me on this form is complete, true and correct in every particular.I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth) and that my application will not be processed if I have not provided all documents and information requested on this form or as set out in the application guidelines. |
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| Signature of Referee | Date |
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| Name of Referee  |  |

Once completed, an electronic copy of the Scholarship Referee Report should be attached to the application submitted through the Grains Investment Portal. The file name of the submitted documents should incorporate the applicant’s name.