



Academic Reference Form

Swiss – UCD Health Sciences Doctoral Programme

To the Applicant:

Please fill in the details below and send or email this form to your referee. References from friends, family members, or acquaintances are unacceptable and will not be reviewed. This form can be submitted directly by you to your proposed UCD primary supervisor unless your referee chooses to keep it confidential, see below.

Name of Applicant: _____

Email address: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Proposed PhD Commencement Date: _____

To the Referee:

The above person has applied to the Swiss – UCD Health Sciences Doctoral Programme for admission to a Graduate Research PhD Programme and has given your name as referee. Please complete this form, additional information or letters may be attached. The reference for the person whose name appears above will be used solely for evaluation for admissions purposes. Your assessment of the applicant is important to assist us in evaluating their candidacy and we are grateful for your time and input. You may return this reference to the applicant or alternatively email it directly to the proposed UCD primary supervisor.

Name of Referee: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Email address:** _____

Evaluation of Applicant (Please append separate sheets if necessary)

How long, and under what circumstances, have you known the applicant?

Has the applicant discussed their intention to do the above programme applied for with you?

How well do you know the applicant's academic work?



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How would you rank the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have taught over the past three years?

Top 2%

Top 5%

Top 10%

Top 20%

Please comment on your ranking: _____

Based on your knowledge of the applicant, how would you rate them in academic ability and promise of research?

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Don't Know
Intellectual Ability					
Willingness to work hard					
Ability to work independently					
Creativity and Initiative					
Organisation & Resourcefulness					
Motivation & Determination					
English Ability (Written & Spoken)					
Clarity, fluency and substance or written work (in English)					

What are the applicant's outstanding strengths?

What are the applicant's weaknesses?

Would you have any reservations about the individual undertaking PhD studies?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', please comment: _____



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In addition, please record any other comments or observations that may be relevant in assessing the applicant's likely contribution to a PhD programme at UCD.

Please indicate your overall evaluation of this applicant for graduate research at UCD by circling the appropriate scale value.

Do not recommend		Recommend		Strongly Recommend
1	2	3	4	5

Referee Signature: _____

Date: _____



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