Your assessment of the applicant will assist us in making our admission decision. The applicant’s materials are not complete until the reference letters have been successfully uploaded to the application. The deadline date for applicants to complete their application is **January 1** for the following Fall. Your prompt reply will assure that the application is reviewed in a timely manner. We appreciate your assistance in helping us evaluate the applicant.

Please include the following information in your letter:

**Your knowledge of the applicant:**

Approximately how long have you known the applicant?

How well do you feel you know the applicant? Casually / Well / Very Well

What was the nature of your relationship with the applicant? Please circle.

- Instructor in one class
- Instructor in more than one class
- Supervisor
- Research Advisor
- Employer
- Major Advisor

**Your evaluation of the applicant:**

Please rate the applicant in the areas indicated below by comparing her or him to the reference group you specify (college seniors, graduate students, other). Among those in the specified group, in terms of intellectual ability I consider the applicant to be in the:

- Upper 5%
- Upper 10%
- Upper quarter
- Upper third

Please also assess the applicant’s achievement of or potential in the following areas:

- Analytical and critical thinking
- Writing ability
- Research ability
- Emotional maturity
- Motivation for doctoral studies
- Scholarly productivity
- Teaching ability
- Commitment to social work

In summary, you would recommend the applicant:

- Very Strongly
- Somewhat Strongly
- With Some Reservations
- Not at All