



DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Reference Form

Name: _____

University/Employment: _____

Position: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

The applicant you named above is applying to the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the School of Graduate Studies, LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, and asked that you rate his/her ability background, and personality. Your cooperation in making these ratings will assist us in evaluating the applicant. The applicant can choose whether or not to waive their right to review this evaluation within our GradCAS application. If they have not waived their right, you should consider the rating as non-confidential. The waiver status of said applicant will be located on the top left of the evaluation screen after you login and click to start their evaluation.

We ask that along with your reference letter you complete this form for evaluation of the applicant. Print out both the letter and form, sign, and scan to merge into one file and upload to GradCAS. Keep in mind that you can only upload one document to the evaluation, so be sure that both the letter and form are in the document you upload before submitting. If you have trouble, contact admissions-bmb@lsuhsc.edu. You can also contact GradCAS with the contact information provided in their email to you regarding the evaluation request.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (Give dates, if possible)

2. (For Teachers of applicants only) I would rank this applicant in the top _____% of approximately _____ undergraduate or graduate students I have taught in _____ years.

3. Please rate the applicant in each area listed below in comparison to others you have known:

	No Basis to Judge	Upper 5%	Upper 10%	Upper 25%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%
Intellectual Ability/Curiosity						
Ability to Express Self Orally						
Ability to Express Self in Writing						
Motivation/Perseverance						
Ability to Work with Others						
Emotional Maturity and Stability						
Dependability						
Initiative						
Flexibility/Creativity						
Open Mindedness						
Ability to Reason						
Overall Potential						

4. Estimate of Potential:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
as Researcher				
as Master's Candidate				
as Doctoral Candidate				

5. Recommendation concerning admission (check one)

- I recommend the applicant without reservation.
- I recommend the applicant with confidence.
- I recommend the applicant with reservation. (Please explain in #6)
- I do not recommend the applicant. (Please explain in #6)

6. Explanation for question #5 if you check either of the last two statements:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Date: _____