

APPLICATION FOR AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM (RTP) SCHOLARSHIPS AND UWA POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

CONFIDENTIAL ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS – NOMINATION OF ACADEMIC REFEREES

Honours students or recent graduates of The University of Western Australia are advised that

- one referee should preferably be **the supervisor of the Honours program** in which the applicant is/was enrolled, or the Head of School or the Graduate Co-ordinator of the School, and
- the second referee should be one of the above, or one of the applicant's prospective supervisors if he/she has sufficient knowledge of the applicant's academic achievement, research potential and research output .

Graduates of other institutions should choose appropriate referees. If possible, applicants should follow similar principles to those detailed above in nominating referees from their own institutions who have informed, personal and professional knowledge of their academic ability and who may exercise judgement of their research potential.

Please note that the preferred method for submission of all referee reports for scholarship applications is via the online iAthena Scholarship Application system. When you submit your online application your referees will receive an automated email from iAthena asking them to log in and complete the online referee report.

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Applicants for graduate research scholarships are required to nominate two academic referees. Applicants' Honours results and undergraduate academic records, together with their School and Referees' assessments, will be taken into account by the Scholarships Selection Committee to achieve a final ranking of applicants. The University is particularly interested in your opinion of the applicant's research ability. Please apply your direct knowledge of the current applicant in relation to their preparation to conduct independent research and scholarship at Masters by Research/PhD level. This will include an assessment of their ranking with respect to other students you may have supervised.

Please note that you should have received an email request to complete the online referee report form through the iAthena scholarship system. Please only complete the form below if you are unable to submit your report directly into iAthena.

This form is to be used only by referees who are unable to submit their reports directly into the iAthena online scholarship application system.

**Confidential Academic Referee Report for HDR Scholarship Application
The University of Western Australia, Graduate Research School**

Please email the completed Referee Report to researchschols@uwa.edu.au (for domestic applicants)
or internationalscholarships@uwa.edu.au (for international applicants)

SECTION A – APPLICANT’S DETAILS

Family name: _____	Given Names: _____
Citizenship: _____	
UWA Student ID. (If applicable.): _____	Proposed UWA School: _____

SECTION B – REFEREE REPORT Please appraise the applicant in terms of the most appropriate criteria listed below and provide your assessment of the applicant’s past academic achievement and research potential.

Name of Referee: _____	Title: _____
Position: _____	Discipline/School: _____
Institution: _____	Postal Address: _____
_____ _____	
Telephone: _____	Email Address: _____
Signature: _____	Date:/...../.....

Please indicate the following:

1. **At which stage do you have knowledge of the applicant?** Undergraduate
Honours or equivalent* Postgraduate Other (Please specify) _____
2. **How do you rate the applicant's academic ability?** Outstanding (top 5%) Excellent
(6-10%) Good (11-20%) Mediocre (21%-40%) Poor
3. **How do you rate the applicant's postgraduate research potential?** Outstanding (top 5%)
Excellent (6%-10%) Good (11-20%) Mediocre (21%-40%) Poor
4. **If the applicant has completed a thesis based on research, how do you rate the thesis?**
Outstanding (top 5%) Excellent (6%-10%) Good (11-20%) Mediocre (21%-40%) Poor
 N/A
5. **Please indicate which category best describes the applicant.**
 Applicant has already gained **at least** an upper second class (2A) Honours* Degree or equivalent.
 Applicant is expected to gain **at least** an upper second class (2A) Honours Degree or equivalent.
6. **How many Honours* or equivalent students have you supervised?** _____
Where does this applicant rank among these, in your opinion? _____
How many Graduate Research Students have you supervised? _____
Where does this potential applicant rank among these, in your opinion? _____
7. **Please attach an additional page with your detailed comments on the applicant's academic achievement and any previous research output which you have read and evaluated. Your comments may also include the applicant's capacity to work well with colleagues, their potential for independent research and contribution to the field of knowledge.**

- In the Australian system, Honours means a fourth year of undergraduate study, which includes a substantial independent research project and preparation of a thesis.

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7. REFEREE'S COMMENTS ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND RESEARCH OUTPUT

Please provide detailed comments on the applicant's academic achievement and any previous research output which you have read and evaluated in the box below, or attach your statement to this form. Your comments may also include the applicant's capacity to work well with colleagues, their potential for independent research and contribution to the field of knowledge.