

CONFIDENTIAL REFEREE REPORT
For the Applicant (This section to be completed by the applicant)

- Please complete your details below and pass a copy of each of the form to each of the two (2) people whom you wish to act as your academic referee. Each person should be a senior academic conversant with your most recent studies.

Applicant's Name
Applicant's Proposed Degree

For the Referee (This section to be completed by the referee)

- Referee comments are considered when assessing applications. The University is particularly interested in your opinion of the qualifications, experience, academic and research ability of the applicant. These should be judged with reference to the applicant's peer group. Please note that applications cannot be considered unless referee reports are completed and returned to researchscholarships@vu.edu.au. Do not return this form to the applicant.

Referee's Name:	
Address:	
Position: (including capacity in which you are aware of the applicant's academic potential)	
Telephone:	Email:

Please give your appraisal of the candidate by ticking the appropriate box, using the following key as a guide. Please rate the applicant in comparison with others you have known who have successfully undertaken postgraduate study. Please use the space available to comment on your ranking decision.

◆ Outstanding = Top 5% ◆ Very Good = 6% - 10% ◆ Good = 11% - 20% ◆ Average = 21% - 40% ◆ Poor

1. How do you rate the applicant's postgraduate research potential?

Outstanding	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
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2. If the applicant has completed a thesis based on research, how do you rate the thesis?

Outstanding	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor
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3. How do you rate the applicant's ability to communicate in English?

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◆ Written Skills	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Reasonable	Poor
◆ Oral Skills	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Reasonable	Poor

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4. Based on the comments you have given below, what degree of support do you give the applicant?

Unreserved	Strong	Fairly Strong	Moderate	Nil
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Please provide comments relating to the level of support you are giving the applicant. Please comment on the applicant's: initiative, creative ability, perseverance, critical ability, ability to meet deadlines, ability to complete a research degree and capacity for independent research. Attach extra sheets if required.

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Referee's Signature	Date

Completed forms should not be seen by the applicant and will be treated in the STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

Referees should return the completed forms to:
 Email: researchscholarships@vu.edu.au

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