APPLICATIONS FOR ALL RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

DEAR REFEREE

The applicant detailed has applied for admission to a research degree programme at the University of Dundee. To assist in assessing the applicant’s suitability your name has been given as a referee. Please comment on the applicant’s suitability for the programme, taking into account the subject(s) being studied. Your reference will form an integral and important part of the selection process. The information will be treated as confidential although under the Data Protection Act 1998 the applicant can request to view any information we hold on them.

The University of Dundee would be pleased to receive your opinion, where possible, of the applicant’s academic and intellectual capacity, personal qualities, and fitness for admission to the programme proposed. You may find it helpful to use the following headings. Please give your opinion on the applicant’s attributes and abilities:

- **ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE ACADEMIC CONTENT and SUSTAINED INDEPENDENT STUDY**
  - Research students are required to complete a programme of advanced academic enquiry. The programme involves the creation and interpretation of new knowledge and understanding, through original research, or other advanced scholarship and requires sustained independent study.

- **INTELLECTUAL QUALITIES** including:
  - previous examination performance
  - present performance
  - promise for the future, including an assessment of any examination results pending

- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY**
  - (for non native speakers)
  - a present level of achievement in both written and spoken English

- **WORK EXPERIENCE** including:
  - previous performance
  - aptitude and suitability
  - relevance to present application

- **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

- **HEALTH AND OTHER PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

If possible insert an official or institution stamp.

Please send the reference as soon as possible, to the address given on the reference form.

Thank you for your assistance.