

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form \_\_\_\_\_

### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH STANDARD RECOMMENDATION FORM

To the applicant: This form should be given to professors who are able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study in psychology. You should not request a recommendation from a nonacademic person unless you have been away from an academic institution for some time. For the convenience of the person completing this form, you should include a stamped envelope addressed to each graduate program to which you are applying.

Under the federal Family Educational Rights and privacy Act of 19784, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendation. However, those writing recommendations and those assessing recommendations may attach more significance to them if it is known that the recommendations will remain confidential. It is your option to waive your right to access these recommendations or to decline to do so. Please mark the appropriate phrase below, indicating your choice of option, and sign your name:

- I waive my right to review this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Intended field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought ---- Doctorate

Application for: ---- Admission

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ months.
2. I know the applicant: --- slightly --- fairly well --- very well.
3. I have know the applicant:  
--- As an undergraduate assistant. --- As a teaching assistant.  
--- As a graduate student. --- As an advisee.  
--- Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. The applicant has taken: --- none of my classes --- one of my classes --- two or more of my classes
5. Indicate the population with which the applicant is being compared in this rating:  
---- Undergraduate students whom I have taught or known.  
---- Graduate students whom I have taught or known.  
---- All students, graduate and undergraduate, whom I have taught or known.  
---- Colleagues with whom I have worked.
6. Is the applicant's academic potential greater or less than that indicated by his/her grades? Insert an X where appropriate on the scale below.

Much less	somewhat less	equal	somewhat greater	much greater		no basis for judgment

7. Global Ratings: Compared to the population indicated in Item 5, rate this applicant on each characteristic:

CHARACTERISTIC:	Lower 50%	Upper 50%	Upper 25%	Upper 10%	Upper 5%	No Basis for Judgement
Academic Ability						
General Knowledge						
Scientific Skepticism						
Oral Expression Skills						
Written Expression Skills						
Originality						
Social Awareness and Concern						
Emotional Maturity						
Desire to Achieve						
Ability to Work with Others						
Leadership Skills						
Persuasive Ability						
Independence and Initiative						
Professional Commitment						
Research Skills						
Teaching Skills						
Potential for Success						
Carefulness in Work						

8. Indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of the applicant:  
 --- Not recommended    --- Recommended with some reservations    --- Recommended  
 ---- Highly recommended
9. On a separate sheet, supply any additional information.

Signature of person completing this form \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution or affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check to make sure items are completed correctly and return this form to:**

**University of Utah  
 Psychology Department  
 380 S. 1530 E., Room 502  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84112**

Thank you for completing this form.