

## Referee Form

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First/Given Name
Second
Last / Family Name

This student is applying for a PhD position at Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz. Applicants are asked to forward this form to two referees who can provide us with an insightful assessment about the candidate's abilities to succeed in our PhD program. Our selection system is highly competitive and we kindly ask you to give your frank opinion about the academic and personal qualities of the candidate. After filling this page, please comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate studies using your institutions letter paper bearing the applicant's full name, your signature and the seal of your institution. Both documents should then be submitted to us via email preferentially as PDF files from an institutional email account, to [silke.koester@uni-mainz.de](mailto:silke.koester@uni-mainz.de), or uploaded at Academic Jobs Online.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what capacity have you known the applicant (supervisor, teacher etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please rate the candidate's overall academic performance and promise relative to a representative group of students with a comparable level of education:

Top 5% Exceptional	Top 10% Outstanding	Top 15% Very Good	Top 50% Good	Below Top 50%

4. Please rate the candidate according to the following criteria using the given scale:

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 15%	Top 50%	Below Top 50%	Unable to Judge
Theoretical Knowledge						
Intellectual Potential						
Experimental Ability						
Creativity						
Ability to work in a team						
Ability to work independently						
Motivation						
English Language Skills						

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Position of referee
Institution (Name, Town, Country)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_