



Using the scale **high, average, low, or cannot judge**, rate the applicant's characteristics with respect to the following criteria. Use your own student body and recent graduates as a reference group. If the applicant is an employee, use other employees with similar backgrounds as a reference group.

<u>characteristic</u>	<u>high</u>	<u>average</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>cannot judge</u>
general intelligence	_____	_____	_____	_____
knowledge of the field	_____	_____	_____	_____
maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____
work ethic	_____	_____	_____	_____
research potential	_____	_____	_____	_____
teaching potential	_____	_____	_____	_____

What is your over-all recommendation for this applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_ very strong    \_\_\_\_\_ strong    \_\_\_\_\_ average    \_\_\_\_\_ below average  
 \_\_\_\_\_ recommend with reservations (please explain below)

On letterhead, please provide additional comments concerning this applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Comments should pertain to the applicant's ability to undertake graduate studies. Be as specific as possible.



When you have completed this form,

**either** enclose it in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, then give it to the student. The student will then include your recommendation with the completed application portfolio,

**or** send this recommendation directly to

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We appreciate your time and effort.