

RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)
Academic Referee's Report Form
(CONFIDENTIAL)

General Notes:

- Please fill in the *HKPFS Reference Number* at the top right corner of each page of this form.
- One copy of this referee's report should be forwarded to each of the applicant's two referees* for completion of Part B.
- Referees should return their completed report directly to the nominating university named below before the Submission Deadline.
- It is important that the referee writes the report, not the applicant.

Referees should return a completed referee's report directly to the nominating university stated below by post / fax or e-mail (under confidential cover):

Name of Nominating University:

The Education University of Hong Kong

Address:

B4-G/F, Graduate School, 10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong

Fax: 2948 6619

E-mail: rpg@eduhk.hk

Submission Deadline: 1 December 2024

** The two academic referees should be familiar with the applicant's academic achievements and research ability. The referee's report should be completed in English. Proposed supervisor(s) from the university above and persons from non-academic background are not considered as appropriate academic referees.*

Part A Applicant's Particulars

Name of Applicant :	(Family name)
	(Given name)
Choice of Department (if applicable) :	
Choice of Programme (if applicable) :	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Choice of Research Field :	

Part B Academic Referee's Report (to be completed by the referee)

Notes to Referees:

- The applicant named above is applying for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) in association with admission to the PhD degree programme offered by the nominating university named on Page 1. Please complete **Part B** of this report **in English** and **return a completed report directly to the relevant university** as detailed on Page 1.
- Please refrain from mentioning the name of the nominating university to enable blind review to be conducted.
- All information given here will be treated as strictly confidential. It will be accessible only to the Selection Panels of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme and those who are responsible for processing this application within the named university and the Research Grants Council (RGC).
- **Please provide concrete and sufficient information in the report to facilitate the Selection Panel in evaluating the candidate's research ability and potential.**
- All information submitted shall be handled in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance in Hong Kong.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How would you rate the following characteristics of the applicant in comparison with other students you have taught or supervised? *(Please tick as appropriate)*

	Excellent (top 5%)	Good (top 6-20%)	Satisfactory (top 21-50%)	Average or below (lower than 50%)	No basis for judgment
Intellectual capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analytical power and reasoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge of proposed research study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Imagination and originality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation and perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skills of writing and argumentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability for conducting scholastic research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity for independent work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability and sense of responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How many students are there in your comparison group?

4. Please describe the research ability and potential of the applicant, and explain any other dimensions of the applicant's experience and skills that are relevant to his/her application for the HKPFS.

(Please refrain from mentioning the name of the nominating university chosen by the applicant since a blind review process is involved. Please attach separate sheet(s) if more space is required.)

5. What is your overall recommendation for the applicant to pursue PhD studies in Hong Kong?

- Recommend very strongly
- Recommend strongly
- Recommend with reservation
- Do not recommend

Name of Referee:	Title:
(in block letters)	
Institution:	
Position:	
E-mail address:	
Postal address:	
Telephone Number [#] :	Fax Number [#] :

(# Please provide country code and area code, e.g. +86-10-1234567)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Declaration (to be completed by nominating university):

This is to confirm that this report was submitted by the referee and has been verified by the nominating university.

This is a strictly CONFIDENTIAL document. Please send it directly to the nominating university whose details are given on Page 1.