

**CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE  
FOR APPLICATION TO THE PHD SCHOOL IN STATISTICS  
UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA – A.Y. 2010/11**

*(to be filled either in English or in Italian)*

This letter of reference must be written by a instructor under whom the applicant has studied or pursued research in the proposed field of study or by someone who has supervised the applicant in work related to the proposed field of study. This letter must be signed, sealed and submitted along with the application form.

NAME OF REFEREE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION OR COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? \_\_\_\_\_

2. IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

Instructor or Professor

Employer or Job Supervisor

Research Advisor

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. IN THIS RATING CHART, PLEASE EVALUATE THE APPLICANT COMPARED TO OTHER STUDENTS THAT YOU HAVE KNOWN DURING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Not Applicable
Intellectual ability					
Knowledge of field					
Work habits					
Motivation to pursue graduate study					
Seriousness of study					
Potential for significant future contribution in field					
Resourcefulness and initiative					
Emotional maturity					
Adaptability to new situations					
Leadership qualities					
Teaching potential					

4. HOW DOES THIS APPLICANT COMPARE WITH HIS OR HER PEER GROUP IN ACADEMIC ABILITY?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Truly exceptional<br><i>Equivalent to the very best you have known – a person who, in your experience, appears only every few years</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding<br><i>Comparable to the best student in a current class</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Well above average<br><i>Top 25%</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Above average<br><i>Demonstrated high ability</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average<br><i>Able to complete work to the PhD</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Below average<br><i>Lower 50%</i>                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate<br><i>Opportunity to observe</i> |  |

5. IN YOUR OPINION, HOW WOULD THIS STUDENT COMPARE TO OTHER STUDENTS IN THE GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN STATISTICS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Truly exceptional | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding   | <input type="checkbox"/> Well above average | <input type="checkbox"/> Above average |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average           | <input type="checkbox"/> Below average | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate         |  |

6. PERSONAL EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT. WHAT PARTICULARLY QUALIFIES THIS STUDENT FOR A PHD IN STATISTICS? INFORMATION ABOUT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN RESEARCH OR INDEPENDENT PROJECTS WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. IF YOU KNOW OF OTHER STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENTERED THE PADOVA PhD PROGRAMME, A COMPARISON WILL BE ESPECIALLY VALUABLE.

NAME (block capitals): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please seal and sign the envelope)*