

To be Completed by the Recommender

_____, applying for admission to the Graduate School of Arts and Science at New York University, has furnished your name as a reference. We would appreciate your evaluation of the applicant on this form.

1. I have known the applicant ____ year(s) as her/his

Undergraduate teacher

Graduate teacher

Program/research adviser

Other (please specify) _____

2. Which of the following best describes your opinion of the applicant's ability to complete the academic program?

The applicant will complete the program with distinction.

The applicant will complete the program.

The applicant will not complete the program.

I have not had adequate opportunity to observe.

I prefer not to answer.

3. Please compare the applicant's academic ability to that of other students from your institution with the same major. If you are a recommender who is not from an educational institution, please compare the applicant's performance to that of others in a similar position:

Top 2%

Top 10%

Top 25%

Top 50%

Bottom 50%

I have not had adequate opportunity to observe.

I prefer not to answer.

4. For faculty only: How likely would it be for you to accept this candidate to work in your research group or lab, or to study with you on advanced research projects?

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Not very likely

Very unlikely

Not applicable

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Institution: _____

Position : _____

Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation

Please comment on the applicant's qualifications for graduate study including her/his strengths and weaknesses and your evaluation of her/his performance in relation to other students you have known. If possible, please compare this applicant with other students from your institution who have applied to New York University, as well as to the top few graduate students in a similar academic program of study. We are particularly interested in the candidate's capacity for mastering difficult subject matter and developing original ideas, as well as commitment to the chosen academic field.