

Sacred Heart University
Ph.D. in Social Work Applicant Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

Number of years you have known the applicant: _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant:?

- Employer
- Instructor
- Field Supervisor
- Other: _____

Name of Institution / Agency / Organization: _____

City, State: _____

Please Rate (✓) Your Impressions of the Applicant Using the Following Scale:	EXCEPTIONAL (top 5%)	VERY GOOD (top 10%)	AVERAGE (top 50%)	BELOW-AVERAGE (bottom 50%)	NOT OBSERVED
Level of concern and commitment to work toward social and racial justice					
Advocacy for vulnerable populations					
Demonstration of cultural humility, self awareness and reflection					
Ability to establish and maintain professional relationships					
Ability to take responsibility for learning, initiate action and complete tasks on time					
Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing					
Academic writing skills					
Capacity for critical thinking					
Capacity for analytical skills					
Proficiency in interpreting and conducting research					
Capacity to exhibit and develop leadership skills					
Creativity					
Resourcefulness					
Ethics and integrity					
Readiness to enter a Ph.D. program					

What do you consider are the applicant's major strengths as a candidate for doctoral social work program?

What concerns, if any, do you have about the applicant as a candidate for a Ph.D. in Social Work?

Other Comments:

What is your overall recommendation of the candidate?

- Not Recommend
- Recommend with Reservations
- Recommend
- Highly Recommend

If you have *not recommended the applicant* or *recommended the applicant with reservations*, please give a brief explanation:

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Completed forms can be submitted to Graduate Admissions via email to gradstudies@sacredheart.edu.