For applicants for Master's by Research, Doctor of Philosophy and Professional Doctorate Programs and/or Postgraduate Research Scholarships.

Notes to the Applicant
Please save this form, complete Section 1 and email it to your nominated academic referee. Please note that you are required to nominate two senior academic referees in support of your application for admission and that the University is unable to assess applications for admission until both academic referee reports are received.

Notes to the Referee
- You have been nominated as one of the two academic referees required by the applicant, outlined in Section 1.
- Referee’s comments are taken into account when assessing an application for higher degree candidature and/or a scholarship. The University is particularly interested in your opinion of the qualifications, experience, academic and research ability of the applicant. These should be judged with reference to the applicant’s peer group.
- Please input your answers to all questions in Section 2 and supply detailed comments at Question 8.
- If the applicant is applying for a scholarship, the University must receive your referee report by 30 September in the year prior to when the applicant is intending to commence studies.
- If the applicant is not applying for a scholarship, you should still email your academic referee report promptly.
- The University is unable to assess applications for admission until academic referee reports are received.
- Please do not return this form to the applicant. This academic referee report is confidential.
- Please do not send this form to the Research and Graduate Studies Office.

Please email the completed report to:
E Itiresearch@latrobe.edu.au

Or post to La Trobe International:
LTI Research
La Trobe International
La Trobe University
Victoria 3086 Australia

Alternatively, please fax a copy to:
F +61 3 9479 3660

Thank you for the time taken in completing this Academic Referee Report.
### Section 1 - to be completed by the Applicant

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1. At which stage did you know the applicant?
   - Undergraduate
   - Honours
   - Postgraduate
   - Other – please specify:

2. How do you rate the applicant’s academic ability?
   - Outstanding (top 5%)
   - Excellent (6%–15%)
   - Accomplished (16%–30%)
   - Good (31%–50%)
   - Poor

3. How do you rate the applicant’s postgraduate research potential and ability to complete the research degree?
   - Outstanding (Top 5%)
   - Excellent (6%–15%)
   - Accomplished (16%–30%)
   - Good (31%–50%)
   - Poor

4. If you have read a research thesis by the applicant, how do you rate the thesis?
   - Outstanding (top 5%)
   - Excellent (6%–15%)
   - Accomplished (16%–30%)
   - Good (31%–50%)
   - Poor

5. If you have read other work by the applicant, how do you rate it?
   - Outstanding (top 5%)
   - Excellent (6%–15%)
   - Accomplished (16%–30%)
   - Good (31%–50%)
   - Poor

6. What is the applicant’s capacity to communicate in English?
   a) Written
      - Outstanding
      - Excellent
      - Accomplished
      - Good
      - Poor
   b) Oral
      - Outstanding
      - Excellent
      - Accomplished
      - Good
      - Poor

7. What overall level of support do you give this application?
   - Unreserved
   - Very strong
   - Strong
   - Reserved
   - None
8. Please provide detailed comments in support of your responses to Questions 1–7 above

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