

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
**BOX 352600, SEATTLE, WA 98195-2600**

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to work toward a PhD in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington and has given your name as a reference.

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**TO THE PERSON REQUESTING RECOMMENDATION:** Please print your name on the line above.

Under the provision of Public Law 93-380, The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a student has the right to inspect the records held by the University pertaining to that student unless the student specifically waives that right. If you choose to waive the right to inspect this recommendation, please sign below.

I waive the right to inspect this recommendation form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of person seeking recommendation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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**TO THE PERSON COMPLETING RECOMMENDATION:**

If the person seeking this recommendation has not waived the right to inspect, the University may be compelled, under the provisions of Public Law 93-380, to allow the student to inspect it.

Aside from the requirements of PL 93-380, this recommendation will be held in strictest confidence.

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How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity?

What particular characteristic or quality of the applicant has impressed you the most favorably?

What has impressed you least favorably, if anything?

What is your opinion of the applicant's capacity for independent study and research?

What are your opinions of the applicant's analytical and experimental abilities?

In working with you did the applicant usually do only the required work, or was the applicant inclined to exert considerably more effort than you might have expected?

Has the applicant exhibited unusual intellectual curiosity?

(over)

Would you classify the applicant as being quick and accurate in the analysis of a situation, quick but somewhat erratic, methodical but usually correct, or other?

What is your impression of the applicant's personality and ability to get along with others?

Considering overall qualifications and potential, what in your best judgment are the applicant's prospects of successfully completing work for a PhD? (Please circle one or comment.)

- a) almost certain that the applicant is the sort of person who should work for a PhD and would succeed.
- b) reasonably good chances of success.
- c) have considerable doubt as to whether the applicant is the sort of person who should work for a PhD.
- d) do not believe that the applicant should be encouraged to work for a PhD.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(please print or type)

Position \_\_\_\_\_

School or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send the completed form directly to the **Graduate Program Coordinator,**  
**Department of Mechanical Engineering, Box 352600, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2600.**