Confidential Reference Form

**Department of Economics and Management - University of Trento, Italy**

**NAME OF THE APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

**Introduction:**

Applicants to the PhD programme in Economics and Finance may request academic references.

The referees submit these directly once the applicant has filled in the referee section of the online application and provided the referee's institutional email address.

**To referee**: The information in this report will be considered confidential and will not be released to the applicant or anyone outside the Department of Economics and Management. We are particularly interested in the applicant's ability to carry on an advanced study and research and potential for successful study in the applicant's field, if any. Please return the form by the first meeting of the evaluation committee (for detailed information, see the [selection’s webpage](https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/economics-and-finance))**.**

 Thank you for your assistance.

1. **General Appraisal**. Please comment on the applicant’s academic fitness and general suitability to undertake the proposed course of research or study. Also, include any other information that you consider to be relevant to the application, such as the candidate’s main strengths and weaknesses etc.

(use an additional sheet if necessary)

1. **Knowledge of applicant**. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant? (for example, as professor, supervisor, etc.)

I was the applicant's for years and/or \_\_\_\_ months between the years \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

1. **Rank of Applicant*.*** Please rank the applicant's general aptitude for PhD studies and researchrelative to other students at the same level and in the same field you have known over the last few years:

 □ Among the top 5 per cent □ Among the top 50 per cent

 □ Among the top 10 per cent □ Among the lower 50 per cent

 □ Among the top 25 per cent

3a. **Comparison group** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Specific Abilities**:

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|  | Outstanding | Very good | Average | Below average | Unable to observe |
| Academic achievement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarly promise |  |  |  |  |  |
| Research ability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbal skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Writing skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industriousness |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judgement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall rating |  |  |  |  |  |

If the applicant’s native language is not English, please state the level of proficiency that the applicant has reached.

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|  | Very Advanced (C2) | Advanced (C1) | Upper intermediate (B2) | Intermediate(B1) |
| Speaking |  |  |  |  |
| Writing |  |  |  |  |

Group used for this comparison:

1. Name of referee:
* Academic rank:
* Department:
* Institution:
* Address:
* Email:
* Telephone number:

Date:

Signature of referee: