

**School of Computing, University of Utah
Academic and Professional Reference**

Instructions: This form should be completed by the applicant and the person acting as a reference for the applicant (endorser). The completed form should be sent by the endorser to the address below. The reference must be received by January 15 .

Graduate Coordinator
University of Utah
School of Computing
50 S. Central Campus Drive, RM 3190
Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9205

Part I: Applicant Information (to be completed by applicant)

Name: _____

Social security number (optional): _____

Degree sought: M.S. Ph.D.

I waive / do not waive my right to have access to this completed *Academic and Professional Reference* form and any attachments.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Part II: Endorser Information (to be completed by endorser)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Part III: Evaluation of Applicant (to be completed by endorser)

Note to the endorser: The person named above is applying for graduate admission to the School of Computing at the University of Utah, and has listed you as a reference. Please complete this form and *send it directly to the School of Computing at the address specified above*. No action will be taken on the applicant's request until this form is received.

1. Indicate your confidence in your ability to judge the applicant's academic abilities well enough to act as a reference. If you do not know the applicant well, feel free to say so; your frankness will not prejudice the student's application.
 Very confident
 Confident
 Somewhat confident
 Do not know the applicant well
2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? (check all that apply)
 As a student in classes that you taught
 As a student in an independent study project that you supervised
 As a participant in a research project that you supervised
 Other (please specify): _____

3. Compared to other students at the same level in your institution, how do you rate the applicant?

Check one:

- The best
- The best in the last 5 years
- The best this year
- Outstanding
- Very good
- Good
- Not recommended for graduate study

4. Do you have any reason to believe that the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, is not an accurate index of his or her scholastic ability? If so, please explain.

5. Evaluation Profile: please check the appropriate boxes.

	Outstanding	Unusual	Good	Average	Below Average	Unknown
Communication skills (oral & written)						
Motivation						
Analytical thinking						
Independence						
Creativity						
Ability to work with others						

6. I would be pleased to have the applicant working under my direction as a:
 Research Assistant Teaching Assistant Both Neither

7. Expanding on the Evaluation Profile above, what is your estimation of the applicant's potential as a graduate student?
 (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)