



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Confidential Referee Form: MSc PhD

Closing date: Thursday 27st March 2025 @ 17:00 GMT for receipt of referee forms. For convenience these can be posted to Bairbre Fox, School Manager, UCD School of Physics, Room A107 L.M.I. Main Building, Beech Hill Road, Dublin 4, D04 P7W1 or emailed confidentially to bairbre.fox@ucd.ie Confirmation receipt of any referee documentation will be acknowledged by email. See <http://www.ucd.ie/physics/about/> for full list of staff email addresses.

TO THE APPLICANT

Please insert your name below and send this form to your referee.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Contact Email: _____

UCD SCHOOL OF PHYSICS

School: _____

SEPTEMBER 2025

Proposed Commencement Date: _____

Research Topic: _____

TO THE REFEREE

The above person has applied to the Graduate School of the College of Science, University College Dublin for admission to the research programme indicated above and has given your name as referee. We would appreciate it if you would complete the reference and return it. Any specific comments only related to this research topic are itemised on the next page.

Referee's Name: _____

Referee's Contact Email: _____

(Type yes or no. If yes, see last question on form)

Will you be the main supervisor for this SIRAT applicant: _____

Title, Position and Institution: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: University College Dublin is subject to Freedom of information and Data Protection legislation. A reference may therefore be accessed by a candidate should he or she request it under the terms of the legislation.

Evaluation of Applicant

How long have you known the applicant?

Under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

Would you accept the applicant for an equivalent research degree in your department? If not, state reasons.

Based on your knowledge of the applicant, how would you rate him/her in academic ability and promise of research among students you have known for the past several years? Please give your assessment of the applicant's ability under the headings set out below:

| | Top 5% | Top 10% | Top 25% | Top50% | Don't know |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
| Intellectual ability | | | | | |
| Willingness to work hard | | | | | |
| Creativity and initiative | | | | | |
| Organisation and resourcefulness | | | | | |
| Motivation and determination | | | | | |
| English writing ability | | | | | |
| English speaking ability | | | | | |

In addition, please record any other comments or observations that may be relevant in assessing the applicant's likely contribution to the research programme at UCD:

Specific Comments requested by School/Supervisor, if applicable please comment on the applicant's teaching experience:

Main UCD Physics Supervisor: you must provide a confidential recommendation (to include a brief statement on general group finances and a statement to the effect that no other funding is available for the student). Students are advised to ask for this in good time to assist your supervisor and your application. Feel welcome to write here or send separately.
