

RECOMMENDATION LETTER

THE APPLICANT

Candidate family name: _____	First name(s): _____
Date of birth (D/M/Y): _____	

TO THE REFEREE

NITROS partners wish to thank you for the time you are taking to write on behalf of this candidate who is applying to the PhD in NITROS programme. You can find a detailed description of the programme on our website www.nitros-ejd.org. Your direct contact with the candidate allows you to provide a candid and informed opinion of his or her qualities and potential for doctoral studies and careers requiring strong research and analytical capabilities. Your assessment is invaluable in assisting us in selecting from a large body of qualified applicants those candidates who can best benefit from and contribute to our programme. Your recommendation is for use only in the admission process and will be held in the strictest confidentiality. Please answer in English the questions listed on this form and send it in PDF directly by e-mail to nitros.ejd@gmail.com. Your prompt return of this form will be most appreciated, as the applicant cannot be considered without it. Deadline for returning this completed form is 15 February 2017.

Family Name: _____	First Name: _____
Organisation: _____	
Address: _____	
Telephone: _____	E-Mail: _____
Relationship to candidate: Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/>	
How long have you known the candidate and in what context? 	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

1. How do you rate the candidate on the following qualities:

	excellent top 2 %	very good top 10 %	good top 25 %	average top 50%	below average bottom 50%	unobserved
Academic ability						
Competence in his/her field						
Professionalism						
Motivation/drive						
Intellectual curiosity						
Enterprising spirit/initiative						
Creativity and innovation						
Teamwork Ability						
Organisational Ability						
Oral communication						
Written communication						
Leadership						

2. How would you describe the candidate's potential for completing doctoral studies?

3. How would you describe the candidate's potential for a successful career in a foremost research institution?

4. How would you characterise the candidate's major strengths?

5. What do you consider his or her major weaknesses?

6. How would you evaluate the candidate's motivation, initiative, and drive?

7. Are there other issues you think the Admissions Committee should consider in assessing this candidate's suitability for the NITROS programme?

8. In the context of suitability for doctoral studies, what is your overall recommendation for this applicant?

Recommend highly	Recommend	Recommend with reservations	Do not recommend	Strongly advise against
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9. If this candidate applied to the doctoral programme in which you are involved, would you accept her/him?

