**Form 5: Letter of Recommendation**

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| Description: C:\Users\SHIVA\Desktop\1.png | | | **POKHARA UNIVERSITY**  Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  Pokhara-30, Kaski  **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Development Studies** | | | | |  |
| *Two Letters of Recommendation are required. At least one of these Letters of Recommendation should be completed by his/her university professor. Each form must be completed and signed by the referee himself/herself otherwise, the recommendation will not be considered.*   |  | | --- | |  |   **Name of the applicant: ………………………………………….** | | | | | |
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|  | | | Signature of the candidate | | Date | |
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| **TO THE PERSON EVALUATING THE APPLICANT** | | | |  | |
| The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to the doctoral programme of Pokhara University. In processing the application, Pokhara University places great emphasis on comments given by the applicant’s referees. Pokhara University requires your submission of this completed Letter of Recommendation Form as part of our appraisal of the above-named applicant. The University realizes that considerable time and effort are needed to respond to this request. Your assistance is therefore greatly appreciated. | | | | | |

***This part is to be completed by the person signing this Letter of Recommendation Form***

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| Position/Designation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Telephone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| How long have you known the applicant? | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | years | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | months |

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| How have you known the applicant? (as a/an) | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Undergraduate student |  | Graduate student |  | Research assistant |
|  |  | Teaching assistant |  | Employee |  |  |
|  |  | Other capacity (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | |

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| How have you known the applicant? (as his/her) | | | | |  |  |
|  |  | Head of division/dept./school |  | Teacher in several classes |  | Research supervisor |
|  |  | Teacher in one class only |  | Employer |  |  |
|  |  | Immediate supervisor in an organization |  | Other capacity (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |

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| How often have you observed the applicant? | | | | | | |
|  |  | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Rarely | Never |
|  | At workplace |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | At academics |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Do you believe doctoral study is an appropriate option for the applicant at this time? Please explain. |
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| In comparison with other graduates of his/her class, how would you rate the applicant with respect to the following qualities? | | | | | |
|  | Outstanding | Good | Average | Poor | Limited opportunity to observe |
| Intellectual ability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| English language comprehension |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic promise |  |  |  |  |  |

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| What is your candid opinion of the applicant’s potential to complete the programme applied for, considering his/her: (a) intellectual capacity, promise of productive scholarship, and ability to carry out research; (b) relative standing among contemporary graduates; (c) ability to pursue higher education for which the medium of instruction is English; and (d) practical experience, if any, in the preferred field of study? |
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| Based on the above, do you recommend the applicant for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Development Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pokhara University? | | | | | | | |
|  | Yes |  | No | If yes, do you recommend the applicant? | | | |
|  |  |  | |  | Strongly |  | With some reservation |

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|  | Signature | Date |

*Thank you for providing this information.*

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| Please provide this recommendation letter to the applicant in a sealed envelope addressing:  Member Secretary  Faculty Doctoral Committee  Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  Pokhara University, Pokhara-30, Kaski, NEPAL.  Email: phd.fhss@pu.edu.np |