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**Application for:**

- Biomedical
- Computer (PhD)
- Computer Systems (MS)
- Electrical
- Global Manufacturing (MS)

- Manufacturing (MS)
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical
- Photonics (MS)
- Systems

**Degree Program:**

- Postbachelor's PhD
- Post-master's PhD

- Master of Science
- Master of Engineering
- BS/MS
- LEAP

Evaluator's name \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position \_\_\_\_\_

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2. I have known the applicant as  an undergraduate  a research assistant  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 a graduate student  a teaching assistant
3. I have served as the applicant's  research advisor  teacher in several classes  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 major advisor  teacher in only one class
4. Would you accept the applicant as a PhD student?  Yes  No

**Applicant's Overall Ability:** In comparison with students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how do you rate the applicant in general all-around ability?

- 1  Top 1%. A person who, in your experience, appears once every few years.
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- 4  Ability easily identifiable, but not in upper 10%. Probably upper 15%. Certainly upper 25%.
- 5  Upper 50%.
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In the space below, please explain the basis for your rating of the applicant's overall ability.

On this page or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe in some detail the applicant's abilities. Comment on his or her potential for scholarly achievement, elaborating, where appropriate, on such matters as versatility, creativity, ability to make sound judgments, laboratory skills, major academic weaknesses (if any), performance by the applicant in independent study or in research-participation programs, and any other characteristics you deem pertinent. If you have knowledge of the applicant's research plan, please also comment on that plan. Several paragraphs regarding the applicant's ability will be more informative than one or two sentences.

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