



Referee Report for admission and/or scholarship

Applicant: complete section A, then email the form to your academic referee. Once you have received the completed form back from your referee, you are required to upload the report to your on-line application.

Note: For currently enrolled Monash HDR students, one of the reports must be obtained from your current main supervisor.

Section A: (To be completed by applicant)

Application ID No:

Surname of Applicant:

Given Names:

Monash Academic Unit: Degree:

Name of Referee:

Position Title:

Section B: Report of Referee

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

For the course in which you taught or supervised the applicant, what is the final grade/level of honours obtained by the applicant? If the applicant is currently completing the course, what overall grade/level of honours are they likely to obtain?

Are the results indicated above predicted or actual? Predicted Actual

If applicable, what is the applicant's overall GPA?

What percentage of the degree course was the research/thesis component of the course?

If applicable, how was the research component assessed? (eg one or two examiners, internal or external examiners)

In relation to other PhD or masters by research candidates known to you, how would you rate the applicant's academic performance and research potential?

Excellent (top 5%) Very Good (top 10%) Good (top 25%) Fair (top 50%) Weak

Based on your knowledge of the applicant's academic performance and research potential, your support is:


Unreserved Strong Fairly Strong Moderate Nil

Please give your appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Rate the applicant in comparison to other students you have supervised/taught.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Weak	Unable to judge
Ability to organise and express ideas						
Critical and analytical ability						
Initiative and motivation						
Ability to plan and complete work						
Ability to meet deadlines						
Knowledge of the field or discipline						
Imagination and creativity						
Capacity to work without close supervision						
Ability to write coherently in English						

Please add further comments which you think will assist in assessing the applicant for admission and/or a highly competitive research scholarship.

Signature:



Date:

Please return the completed form back to the applicant.

Thankyou for completing this referee's report: your assistance in the selection of Monash University research candidates for admission and/or scholarship is greatly appreciated. Please note that the academic unit may contact you for further information on the applicant if required.

Academic Referee Report

To support Research Degree Application for Admission and/or Scholarship
CRICOS Provider Code: 00121B

Instructions for Referee

Thank you for agreeing to complete this form on behalf of the applicant.

Referee reports are used for ranking purposes and are highly regarded.

It is essential that ALL sections are completed carefully, sections **E** and **F** are particularly important for scoring purposes.

Timeline

It is important that the Graduate Research Admissions team receives your report **within five working days** of the applicant submitting their online application form. If we do not receive your report within this timeframe the applicant may be disadvantaged.

Submitting a report

- All referee reports should be **signed and stamped** with an official stamp from your university/institute
- Reports submitted from **non-official email accounts (such as Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail etc.) will not be accepted** unless the report is signed and stamped with an official stamp from your institute/place of employment.

Please email your completed referee report to the Graduate Research Admissions team at: research.referees@unisa.edu.au

Alternatively, you may wish to post a copy of your report directly to:

Graduate Research, Admissions Team: Student and Academic Services
University of South Australia
GPO Box 2471
Adelaide SA 5001
Australia

Please note: Your referee report will not be accepted if sent directly from the applicant.

If you have any queries, please contact the Graduate Research Admissions team: research.degrees@unisa.edu.au

SECTION A: Research degree applicant's details					
FAMILY name:	Cooper				
OTHER name(s):	Afsaneh, [maiden name: Motamedi]				
Application number (if known):	233143				
SECTION B Referee's details					
Referee's full name and title:	Dr. Rahim Pourabdollahim				
Referee's position:	General Manager (pensioner)				
University/organisation:	BMW Munich				
School or department:	Power Train				
Address:	Gertrud-Grunow-Str. 46 80807 Muenchen				
Email:	pour@mnet-online.de				
Telephone:	+4989 320 1525				
Facsimile:					
SECTION C: Knowledge of the applicant					
How long have you known the applicant?					
	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	>2 years
Prior to undergraduate (U/G) study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During undergraduate study (including honours)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Since completing U/G. study (excluding P/G study)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During postgraduate study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Since completing postgraduate (P/G) study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In what capacity have you known the applicant? (you may select more than one box)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Lecturer	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters (Coursework) Supervisor				
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Coordinator/Program Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research Degree Supervisor				
<input type="checkbox"/> Head of School/Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Examiner of the applicant's thesis				
<input type="checkbox"/> Honours Supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):				
What is your professional knowledge of the applicant?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Thorough	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor/Limited		
SECTION D: Applicant's academic performance					
Based on the quality of the completed work, what is the applicant's academic standard?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exceptional	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Please complete the relevant sections below					
Honours result:					
Have you known the applicant during their Honours degree/program? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes					
Has the applicant already obtained an actual Australian Honours result? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes					
If Yes , please indicate the level of Honours achieved:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Honours 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Honours 2A	<input type="checkbox"/> Honours 2B	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed	<input type="checkbox"/> Didn't complete	

SECTION D: Applicant's academic performance (continued)

Please complete the relevant sections below

Honours equivalence/postgraduate performance:

Are you familiar with the applicant's performance during postgraduate study? No Yes

If **Yes**, please indicate course of study:

Masters by Research

Masters by Coursework

Postgraduate Diploma

Other (please specify):

If you are familiar with the Australian Honours system, please indicate your assessment of the applicant's performance in postgraduate study in terms of equivalence to the Australian system of Honours. Please expand on your assessment in **Section G**.

Honours 1

Honours 2A

Honours 2B

Failed

Didn't complete

SECTION E Potential research

Please **rate the applicant's performance** in the areas listed below in relation to ALL potential postgraduate research students you have known. Please select the **most appropriate box** in each area. The numbers appearing in brackets indicate the points that will be allocated in determining the ranking. The shaded areas do not influence the points used in the ranking.

AREA	Performance						
	Unknown	Poor Bottom 40% (0)	Average Top 60% (1)	Good Top 25% (2)	Very good Top 10% (3)	Exceptional Top 5% (4)	Outstanding Top 2% (5)
Creative ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical and conceptual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to communicate with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work as a member of a team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Definitions:

Creative ability: ability to develop original ideas, hypotheses, and to write original compositions

Initiative: ability to embark on new ideas or approaches without prompting

Persistence: ability to persevere

Critical and conceptual ability: ability to analyse information and understand arguments, form ideas and build on them

Ability to communicate with others: both written and spoken

Ability to work as a member of a team: ability to work cooperatively and collaboratively with others

SECTION F: Ability to complete the Higher Degree by Research

Please indicate whether you consider the applicant will complete their research degree **within time**, taking into account their ability to plan, keep to a schedule and persevere in difficult circumstances. In Australia candidates are expected to complete within 4 years for a Doctorate and within 2 years for a Masters by Research.

Please select <i>ONE</i> box only:	<i>Applicant for PhD</i>	<i>Applicant for Masters</i>
I do not expect the candidate will complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I expect the candidate to experience considerable difficulties in completing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I expect the candidate to complete, but may experience some difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am confident that the applicant will complete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have no reservations that the applicant will complete and produce an excellent research thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION G: Explanatory comments

Please use this space if you wish to clarify any of the statements in this report and to give reasons if, in your opinion, an applicant's research potential is not indicated by their academic record.

If more than one applicant for the same course at UniSA has asked you for a report, it would help us if you would rank the applicants in the space below.

We welcome any other comments you may wish to make that may assist UniSA in assessing the applicant. Please include another page if you wish.


University/Employer Authenticity Stamp

Academic referee:

Signature

Printed

Date

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
DOCTORAL REFEREE'S REPORT**

NAME of Applicant: Afsaneh Cooper [maiden Name: Afsaneh Motamedi]

REFEREE'S DETAILS:

Name: Dr. Rahim Pourabdollahim

Organisation: BMW Munich (1987 - 2008)

Position: General Manager (Pensioner), R&D Power Train

Length of time you have known the Applicant: about 3 years

Capacity in which you have known the Applicant: Research Degree Supervisor

Number of candidates you have supervised to date: 4

Please rate the applicant's potential to successfully complete a doctoral research degree:

	Top 5%	Top 15%	Top 30%	Top 50%	Lower 50%	Not Known
Intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to transfer knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resourcefulness / creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independence and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability to new situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for future contribution in field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please attach a letter commenting on the applicant's achievements to date and your perception of their ability to undertake doctoral level research.

When completed, please scan or post a copy of this report with your letter to:

The Manager, School of Graduate Studies
The University of Auckland

Thank you for your assistance



PO Box 92019
Auckland 1142, New Zealand
Email: postgraduate@auckland.ac.nz

Thank you for your assistance

Dr. Rahim Pourabdollahim
Königsbergerstr. 62
85748 Garching / München
GERMANY

13.09.2012

This is a translation of the letter of reference, which I wrote for Ms. Afsaneh Motamedi (Cooper) in August 1984. (See addendum, the original in German).

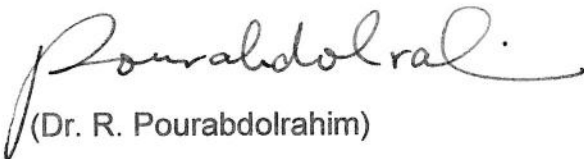
Letter of reference

Ms. Motamedi has been working from September 1981 to January 1984 as a Trainee Graduate Student and from February 1984 to August 1984 as Project Engineer in the Machine Design Department of I.R.O.S.T. (Iranian Research Organisation for Science & Technology).

In this period of time Ms. Motamedi learned the basics of gear calculation and gear manufacturing. One of her tasks was to create a computer program in FORTRAN for calculation of gear geometry and gear stress according to the methods of "NIEMANN". She completed the task to our utmost satisfaction. During this time she became also acquainted with the design and calculation of hydraulic components.

Ms. Motamedi is a hard working, well organized person. Apart of her punctuality she is characterized by her perseverance and enthusiasm to her tasks. She plans to complete her academic studies abroad.

We wish her success.



(Dr. R. Pourabdollahim)

Machine Design Department

Your ref:

Our ref:

Date : Aug. 1984

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Frau Motamedi arbeitete vom (Sep. 1981) bis (Jan. 1984) als Praktikantin und seit (Feb. 1984) als projektingenieurin im " Machine Design Department " der Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology.

In der zeit ihrer Beschäftigung lernte Frau Motamedi die Grundlagen der Zahnradberechnung und -herstellung kennen . Die Aufstellung eines Rechenprogramms in FORTRAN zur Berechnung der Zahnradgeometrie und zur Festigkeitsberechnung der Zahnräder nach " Nieman " war eine ihrer Aufgaben , die sie zu meiner vollen zufriedenheit löste . In dieser zeit konnte sie ausserdem einen Einblick in die Konstruktion und Berechnung von öhydraulischen Elementen gewinnen .

Die überaus fleissige Ingenieurin zeichnet sich durch ihre Ausdauer in der Lösungsfindung , Pünktlichkeit und Ordnung aus . Sie beabsichtigt ihr weiteres Studium im Ausland durchzuführen . Ich wünsche ihr viel Erfolg .



(Dr. - Ing. R. Pourabdolrahim)
Machine Design Department