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**Confidential Reference**

**START Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship (OPS) Applicant**

Please complete this reference form in typescript or black ink suitable for photocopying and submit to:

START Coordinator

Singapore Management University

Email: [START\_OPS\_Coordinator@smu.edu.sg](mailto:START_OPS_Coordinator@smu.edu.sg)

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* For items which are non-applicable, please write “NA”.
* Where there is an asterisk (\*), please delete accordingly.

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**Information about the Awards**

Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship (OPS)

OPF aims to attract talented young Singaporeans to embark on an academic career by providing financial support as well as academic guidance and mentorship for a PhD/LLM programme in reputed overseas universities.

Besides a keen interest in an academic career at SMU, the OPS scholar is also expected to possess outstanding academic abilities plus a high degree of proficiency and motivation for a research area that is strongly aligned with SMU’s core areas of excellence. Upon completion of the scholarship, the scholar will be assessed for a tenure track faculty appointment at SMU.

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| 1. **APPLICANT’S PARTICULARS (To be Completed by Applicant)** | | |
| Full Name  (shown in NRIC) |  |
| Email address |  |
| Scheme Applied for | Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship |

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| 1. **REFEREE’S PERSONAL PARTICULARS AND REPORT**   **(To be completed by Referee)** | |
| **PERSONAL PARTICULARS** | |
| Full Name |  |
| Company Name |  |
| Designation |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Mailing Address |  |

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| **REPORT ON APPLICANT** |
| 1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? |
| 1. Please comment on the applicant’s academic capabilities. |
| 1. Please comment on the applicant’s personal attributes (in particular motivation for excellence, perseverance, leadership, integrity, interpersonal skills). |
| 1. Please evaluate applicant’s promise for an academic career, including likelihood to gain admissions to and completing a good PhD/LLM programme. |

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Name & Signature of Referee Date