



**Department of Statistics  
Request for Confidential  
Letter of Recommendation**

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**Applicant**

**Please print or type all sections**

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Last (family) Name

First Name

Middle Initial/Middle Name

Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) (Buckley Amendment)

Under the provision of this Act you have the right, if you enroll at Carnegie Mellon University, to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Please indicate below by circling the appropriate phrase and signing your name whether or not you wish to waive this right.

I **waive**      **do not waive** any right of access that I may have to the recommendation form.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommender**

Note: The graduate program in statistics at Carnegie Mellon prepares a small number of outstanding students each year, at both the M.S. and Ph.D. levels. Most entering students plan to obtain a Ph.D. but each year a few are admitted who seek only a master's degree. In your evaluation it would be helpful to keep this distinction in mind. For instance, a student may be an outstanding prospect for an M.S. while their ability and desire to obtain a Ph.D. may be dubious.

The admissions committee would appreciate your filling out this form. Please feel free to use additional sheets, or your own letterhead as an alternative, but please make sure you provide the information requested. Because federal legislation has granted students and former students access to evaluations such as this, an evaluation can be taken in confidence only if the waiver of the right to access is signed by the applicant.

Thank you for taking the time to respond. The admissions committee feels that recommendations are among the most valuable data in the selection process and we sincerely appreciate your help. When complete, please sign in the space provided on the other side of this form and send to:

Department of Statistics  
Graduate Admissions  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?

In making this evaluation, what group of students are you using as a comparison?

If as far as you know, the applicant intends to obtain an M.S. but is not interested in pursuing a Ph.D., please check here [   ]

If this applicant is interested in obtaining a Ph.D., please check the appropriate box to complete the next sentence (using your judgment). If the applicant were to pursue a Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon, he or she would:

- [   ] be among the top of Ph.D. recipients at Carnegie Mellon.
- [   ] be very likely to succeed in obtaining a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon.
- [   ] be fairly likely to obtain a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon, but perhaps with difficulty.
- [   ] have serious difficulty and perhaps be unable to obtain a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon.

Please assess the student as well as you can, along the listed dimensions. Please feel free to check "Insufficient Information" if you cannot make a judgment.

	Top 1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	below 50%	Insufficient Information
General intellectual ability							
Technical ability							
Breadth of general knowledge							
Depth of knowledge in mathematics							
Depth of knowledge in statistics							
Depth of knowledge in computing							
Motivation and initiative							
Maturity and stability							
Ability to work independently							
Ability to work with others							
Ability to speak English							
Ability to write English							
Creativity							
Overall potential for graduate study							

Please provide additional comments on the applicant's particular strengths and weaknesses, and any special experiences or qualifications that are noteworthy elements of the applicant's background.

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Name of Recommender:

Title or position:

University or Company:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Address:

Recommender's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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