



Doctoral Student Fellowship Structured Reference Form Guide

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References should be submitted directly to the DSI Office from the referee at:
awards.dsi@utoronto.ca with the subject heading Reference for “Applicant Name”
DSI Doctoral Student Fellowship

Applicant name

You have been asked to provide a reference for the above-mentioned candidate for a Data Sciences Institute Doctoral Student Fellowship. Please refer to the fellowship call here: [Doctoral Student Fellowships](#)

The top candidates will be chosen according to:

- The extent to which the degree program provides core data science skills and the proposed thesis is multidisciplinary;
- Alignment to the DSI mandate including thematic areas if applicable; and,
- Strong academic and research record of accomplishment and future potential

You may input your answers directly in this form's fields or attach your answers to this .pdf. In the latter case, please ensure that your answers are presented according to the following specifications: single-spaced; body text in Arial, 11pt font; and 1” margins. **DO NOT EXCEED THREE PAGES.**

Name

Title

Institution

Relationship to the applicant

Number of years you have
known the applicant

Please respond to the four questions. There is a 1000-character limit for each question (including spaces). Please be as specific as possible based on your experience with the candidate.

1) Describe your assessment of the applicant's research skills and research potential.

2) Is the applicant likely to make a strong application to the field of data science? Describe why.

3) Describe why the applicant will work well in a multidisciplinary environment.

4) Identify and comment on one area of growth for the applicant.