

The Aga Khan University  
**Confidential Reference Letter**

For admission to the Aga Khan University PhD in Education programme.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT**

Complete this section and forward this form to individuals who are well-acquainted with your previous academic work and professional experience. Out of the three, two letters of reference must be from individuals who are at arm's length. These letters should be emailed directly by your referees to [ied.ro@aku.edu](mailto:ied.ro@aku.edu) latest by **March 14, 2024**.

The letters need to be from:

- i) an academic referee from an institute where the individual has trained recently.
- ii) from a referee who is familiar with the work capacity of the candidate.
- iii) Should be current or not more than one-year-old.

*The referees must not be close friends or family members, where there may be a conflict of interest.*

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Middle Name:</b>
<b>Application #:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**APPLICANT RELEASE OF INFORMATION (To be completed by the applicant)**

**Release of Information Authorisation:**

I hereby consent and authorize you to release and share all my information and my reference directly (without any reference or copy to me) with the Aga Khan University – Institute for Educational Development for admission in PhD into Education Programme.

**To the Referee:**

The applicant whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Aga Khan University Ph.D in Education Programme. We would appreciate your candid appraisal of the candidate's academic performance, intellectual promise, and research capabilities as they relate to participation in a Ph.D. programme. Where possible, it would be helpful if you could provide examples or anecdotes to illustrate your comments. You may use extra pages if required.

Alternatively, if you have written a letter on behalf of this candidate that responds to the sorts of question we ask below, it is acceptable simply to attach the letter to this form, sign the form and return it to us. Please fill this form with total confidentiality and send directly via email on [ied.ro@aku.edu](mailto:ied.ro@aku.edu) latest by **March 14, 2024**. Please include the applicant's name in the subject line of your email.

**1. In what capacity do you know the applicant? (Up to 100 words)**

**2. In what academic subjects have you taught this applicant?**

**Subject**

**Year of Schooling**

**Grade(s) earned**

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**3. How long have you known the applicant? In what context, if any, have you known the applicant outside classroom or organization? (Up to 200 words)**

**4. Please provide your recommendation of the candidate, explaining in detail (up to 500 words)**

- Their work participation and performance
- Your assessment of their intellectual ability
- How well do they understand PhD level training?
- Any distinguishing characteristics and/or achievements
- Are there any special strengths or weaknesses?

How would you rate this applicant on the following scale? Please check the single most appropriate rating for each category.

	<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>
Research potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Imagination and creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation and perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral and written communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work in a team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

