

# Carnegie Mellon

College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Department of Social and Decision Sciences

## Request for Appraisal of Applicant

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

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for admission to our Ph.D. program.  
(Name – Please Print)

Our Admissions Committee will appreciate your candid assessment of this applicant. Your evaluation will be regarded as confidential information, exclusively for our guidance in making admissions decisions. Please complete both Part A and B and return directly to:

Graduate Admissions  
Department of Social and Decision Sciences  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

#### Part A

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Check your ranking of the applicant on each of the following characteristics when comparing to others of his/her level that you have taught or been associated with over the past several years	Superior (Highest 5%)	Out- Standing (Next Highest 10%)	Above Average (Next Highest 15%)	Average (Middle 30%)	Below Average (Lowest 40%)	Not Applicable Or Insufficient Information
1. Intellectual ability						
2. Ability to work with others						
3. Judgment and maturity						
4. Motivation to learn						
5. Originality and creativity						
6. Persistence in completing complex tasks						
7. Ability to work independently						
8. Effectiveness of written communications						
9. Effectiveness of oral communications						
10. Willingness to learn from criticism						
11. Overall potential for graduate study						

**Part B**

Please give your appraisal of this applicant, including your observations of his/her character and academic promise. Also note any special talents or particular weaknesses that might relate to the applicant's potential for success in social and decision sciences graduate study and further professional work.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Prompt completion of this form will be greatly appreciated. The applicant cannot be considered for admission until this form is received. Application deadline is December 15, 2009.**

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