

I am providing a reference for: _____

Your Information

Name _____
Title _____ Institution _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Relationship to Applicant

I have known the applicant for approximately: _____

My relationship to the applicant: *Select the option you believe best describes the kind of reference you will be providing. You will have the opportunity to provide a more complete description of your relationship in your reference letter.*

Academic Reference

- My reference primarily addresses the applicant's academic performance and potential.
(ex. Dissertation supervisor, member of applicant's dissertation committee, former professor of the applicant, etc.)

Community Reference

- My reference primarily addresses the applicant's past and potential impact in spheres beyond the academic research community such as the political sphere (ex. policy), industry (ex. internships), or society (ex. community groups).

Knowledge of This Funding Opportunity and of the Application Submitted

The applicant advised me that I am listed as a reference on their Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program application.

The applicant explained (at least in broad terms) the nature of the Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

I have seen a copy of the application prepared for the Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program by the applicant.

I am writing a reference letter for more than one applicant to the Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

If yes, please list the names of other applicant's you are writing reference letters for:

Reference Letter (Attach)

Suggested length: 1 page. Maximum length: 2 pages. (Minimum font size: 11pt)

- Please begin your letter with a brief summary of your role in your organization/community and a description of how you know the applicant.
- To assist those who are evaluating applications for this competition, please consider the following suggestions about things to include in your letter:
 - **Academic References**
 - The applicant's research excellence as demonstrated so far.
 - The time and effort dedicated to service and/or leadership by the applicant.
 - The applicant's potential for future research excellence and leadership.
 - The quality of the applicant's postdoctoral research project (as outlined in their application to this competition) and the importance of this project in terms of potential academic or social impacts.
 - The appropriateness of Western University as the primary academic site for this research project.
 - The appropriateness of the proposed supervisor for this research project.
 - **Non-Academic Partnered Research References**
 - The ability of the applicant to include your community's/organization's point of view into their research.
 - The collaborative model that you and the applicant used to work together.
 - The relevance of the applicant's work to your organization's need(s).
 - An example of how your organization utilized the outcomes of their work.
 - The applicant's greatest strengths based on your experience working with them.
 - Leadership qualities or behaviours the applicant displayed while working with your organization.
 - Explain how you think the applicant's project will build upon or further disseminate the outcomes of the work you have done together in the past.
 - Explain how you think the applicant's proposed postdoctoral research project has the potential to impact your community in the future.

Please keep in mind that these are *only suggestions*. Please feel free to write whatever you deem relevant in your letter.

Please return this form and reference letter to researchoffice@uwo.ca. (Do not combine these files: the competition administrator will be combining all files into a single application package).