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| **Irish Research Council**  **Employment Based Programme (Postgraduate) 2020**  **Indicative Referee Form** |

This word document is provided solely for indicative purposes. All referees must complete their form through the online system (OLS) by the stated deadline of **16:00 (Irish time) Thursday 5 March 2020**.

The referee can only complete their form once the application has been submitted.

All sections must be completed.

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| **Participant Details** |

Form in Irish? [Yes/No] If answering yes, an English translation can be uploaded in PDF.

**Applicant Details** are prepopulated by the OLS.

**Referee Details** are required: Position, Name of Institution and Department or Company/Organisation, and Work address.

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| **Recommendation** |

Select from the options:

* I know the applicant: Very Well / Well / Slightly
* I was the applicant’s: Advisor / Lecturer / Professor / Tutor / Other

If other, please provide details

* From (Date)-To (Date)

**Do you recommend this applicant be supported in their pursuit of a career in research?** Yes/No

**How does this applicant compare to other researchers, at the same academic or professional level, that you have interacted with over the past five years?** Poor / Well / Very well / Excellent / Exceptional

The Council maintains **gender-blinding of applications** for evaluation purposes to mitigate any gender bias in the assessment of excellence. As such, our assessors review applications that are anonymous and free from pronouns or other words which would identify the applicant’s gender. In order to comply with these guidelines, we ask that you use *the applicant*, *s/he* and *his/her* when providing your observations rather than the person's name or pronouns which would identify their gender.

**Please provide your observations on the characteristics and achievements of the applicant and comment on the suitability of the applicant for a career in research: [Max 500 words]**

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| **Referee Declaration** |

* **I confirm that the information supplied in this reference form is correct and recognise that should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible** – I agree