

# Letter of Recommendation for Admission

VMD/PhD Program  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania  
3800 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6046  
215-898-3800

## Instructions for Submittal

Please complete this form and email, along with your letter of recommendation for the below named candidate on official letterhead, to [vmstp@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:vmstp@vet.upenn.edu). Alternatively, you can send a hard copy of this form and your letter to the above address.

In your letter please reference the following information:

- Your relationship to the candidate
- Length of time you have known the candidate
- The type of research in which the candidate was engaged
- Your assessment of the candidate's academic and technical capabilities
- Your assessment of the candidate's motivation to do research and whether his/her interest and ability will lead to a career as a veterinarian scientist

**The deadline for all admissions materials to be received by the VMD/PhD Program is November 1.**

Name of Applicant

## Summary Evaluation

Comparing with a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same experience and training, how do you rate the candidate's general, all-around academic ability and promise for research?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Below Average (lowest 40%)        | <input type="radio"/> Unusually Good (top 10%)          |
| <input type="radio"/> Average (middle 20%)              | <input type="radio"/> Outstanding (top 5%)              |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat Above Average (next 15%) | <input type="radio"/> Truly Exceptional (top 2%)        |
| <input type="radio"/> Good (next 15%)                   | <input type="radio"/> Inadequate Opportunity to Observe |

Please tell us the number of students you have trained over how many years to make this comparison.

Number of students

Number of years

The educational level of the representative group with whom the candidate is compared is:

Name/Title of Recommender

Institution