

Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto

Ph.D. Program in Women and Gender Studies

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Student Name:

Date:

Referee Name:

Institution:

E-mail address:

Telephone:

1. Please indicate in what capacity you have known the student and for how long? Please evaluate the student's performance in classroom and other academic settings.

2. Please comment on the candidate's 1) feminist, critical race, sexuality, and postcolonial studies preparation; 2) writing and independent research skills; and 3) proposed research project.

3. What are the candidate's strengths and challenges? Please evaluate the candidate relative to other students in a comparable cohort and indicate their potential for graduate study. Would you accept this student in an equivalent program at your university? Please explain why or why not.

If a student is admitted to the PhD Program in Women and Gender Studies, we often find that letters of reference can be helpful in making other decisions about the candidate in the summer before they arrive, or in the early fall of his/her term.

1. I am willing to allow my letter of reference to be used by the Women and Gender Studies Institute as it considers whom to hire for teaching assistant positions:

Yes No

2. I am willing to allow my letter of reference to be used by the Women and Gender Studies Institute to make decisions about scholarships, grants or fellowships:

Yes No

3. I am willing to allow a copy of my letter to be sent by the Women and Gender Studies Institute to collaborating graduate programs to which this student has applied (e.g. Graduate Collaborative Program in Women's Health, Graduate Collaborative Program):

Yes No