



Master of Professional Psychology - Referee Reports

Guidance for the applicant

As part of your application for the Master of Professional Psychology program, you are required to provide two referee reports.

The two referee reports are part of your application to the program. They must be received by the University by the application closing date 30 September of the year prior to the proposed start date. If the referee reports are not received by this deadline, the application will be incomplete and not accepted.

Referee reports should be submitted to the School of Medicine and Psychology at ANU using one of the following methods:

- a) Via the National Psychology Reference System. (<https://www.psychologyreference.org>)
To use this method set up an account on the system. Referees will upload their reports and the system will release the reports to the programs you have selected. The advantage of using this method is that each referee is required to write only one report and it can be released to more than one program if you allow it. Please ensure that you have authorised the reports to be released to the Master of Professional Psychology program at ANU

OR

- b) Directly to the School of Medicine and Psychology
To use this method, provide a copy of this form to each of your referees and ask them to submit the form directly to the School of Medicine and Psychology by emailing it to postgrad.psychology.smp@anu.edu.au

Guidance for the Referee (submitting this form directly to the Australian National University)

You have been named as one of two referees in support of an applicant to the Master of Professional Psychology at The Australian National University.

Please note that the form is to be submitted to by the referee and not the applicant, and must be received by the application closing date of 30 September.

The Master of Professional Psychology program is designed to provide the 4th and 5th year of psychology study in the 5+1 pathway to General Registration as a psychologist <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/registration/general>. More information about the program can be accessed on the ANU website at <https://psychology.anu.edu.au/study/master-degrees/master-professional-psychology>

When completing this referee report, please consider the applicant's personal suitability for the two-year postgraduate program and for entry into the profession of psychology.

Your report will be treated with utmost confidentiality, although in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a précis of your report can be made available to the applicant on request. You are encouraged to provide the applicant with a copy of this report. Referees should be aware that any negative comment contained in referee reports, which is likely to influence the assessment, may be explored (in a non-attributable fashion) with the applicant.

Thank you for your assistance in completing this form.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

To submit your report, please save it as a PDF file smaller than 5MB with a file name no more than 40 characters and email to postgrad.psychology.smp@anu.edu.au

The Referee Report is part of the program application and must be received by the ANU by 30 September. If the report is not received by the deadline, the application will be incomplete and not accepted.



Referee Report for an application to the Master of Professional Psychology program.

1. Applicant details

Full name:

ANU application number (if known): Date:

2. Referee details

Full Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

3. What is your current professional role in relation to the applicant (eg., supervisor/employer)?

Limit your response to 50 words.

4. In what capacity/ies have you known the applicant?

Academic

Professional

Personal

5. Over what period of time have you known the applicant?

Limit your response to 50 words.



6. Academic suitability

How academically suitable is the applicant to undertake a postgraduate professional training program in psychology? For example, study at this level requires good time management, organisation, ability to meet deadlines, commitment, self-directed learning and openness to feedback.

Table with 5 columns: Highly suitable, Probably suitable, Unsure, Probably unsuitable, Not at all suitable

Comments:

Limit your response to 150 words.

Empty text box for comments

6. Personal suitability

How personally suitable is the applicant to undertake a postgraduate professional training program in psychology? For example, applicants will require good interpersonal and communication skills, ability to develop strong collaborative working relationships, maintain boundaries, understand and be curious about others, take a non-judgmental, empathic stance and engage in self-care.

Table with 5 columns: Highly suitable, Probably suitable, Unsure, Probably unsuitable, Not at all suitable

Comments:

Limit your response to 150 words.

Empty text box for comments

8. What strengths would the applicant bring to their training in this program and to a professional career in psychology?

Limit your response to 150 words.

Empty text box for response



9. What areas would the applicant need to develop further to be successful in this program and in a professional career in psychology?

Limit your response to 150 words.

10. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please rate how they perform in the following areas:

How well does the applicant:	Out-standing (top 5%)	Superior (top 5-10%)	Very Good (top 10-25%)	Good (top 25-40%)	Average (top 40-60%)	Below Average 0-40%	Unsure
Communicate orally							
Communicate in written format							
Collaborate with others							
Engage in self-directed work and study							
Take an empathic approach to others							
Behave ethically							
Reflect on their own thinking and behaviour							
Seek, accept and respond to feedback and/ or supervision							
Show an interest in human behaviour							
Think critically							
Value producing and consuming scientific research							
Solve complex issues in an open-minded manner							
Show persistence in solving problems							
Tackle problems in a creative way							
Develop pragmatic solutions to challenges							
Recognise and respect social, cultural, linguistic, spiritual and gender diversity.							
Display high standards of personal and professional integrity							
Organise and plan their work							
Show initiative and motivation							
Display good interpersonal skills							
Show resilience under pressure							



11. Overall, to what degree do you support the applicant in pursuing postgraduate training in professional psychology and work as a health professional?

High support

Medium support

Low support

Comments:

Limit your response to 150 words.

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