

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

**RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR DOCTORAL STUDY**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print: Last or family name, first or given name)

Dear Recommender:

The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to graduate study in the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your honest appraisal of the applicant. *It would be particularly helpful if your letter would compare the applicant to other students who have successfully gone on to graduate school.*

It is not possible to thank each individual personally for completing a recommendation form, but we greatly appreciate your assistance in our admissions process.

Sincerely,

Rody Manuelli, Admissions and Aid Committee Chair

**Please complete this form and attach your letter of recommendation. Return to the Economics Department by December 15th.**

Compared to other students you have recommended, how would you rate this student? Please use the chart below.

	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Exceptional	Unable to Judge
	50%-75%	75% - 90%	Top 10%	Top 5%	
Intellectual Potential					
Overall preparation for graduate work					
Creativity in a research effort					
Written communication skills					
Oral communication skills					
Motivation to study in a doctoral program					

\_\_\_\_\_  
 RECOMMENDER'S NAME (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 RECOMMENDER'S SIGNATURE

To the Applicant:

Federal law gives a student the option of waiving their right to see specific letters of recommendation. If the applicant waived this right by signing the waiver below, this recommendation material will be held confidential. If the applicant has not signed the waiver, it will be assumed that this letter may be seen by the applicant if he or she enrolls in the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**WAIVER: In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this recommendation form and any attachments to this form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

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 Date

Please return this form and your signed letter of recommendation to the: Department of Economics, 7239 Social Sciences Bldg., 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706, USA