

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Graduate Program in Marine Sciences and Limnology

Graduate Applicant Evaluation Form

TO THE APPLICANT: Please fill in your name and the degree program to which you are applying. Carefully read the waiver that appears below and, if you so choose, sign it. Give this form to your references who will submit it directly to us.

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

is applying to pursue a _____ degree in _____
(M.S. or Ph.D) (Oceanography or Marine Biology)

The Family Education and Privacy act of 1974 gives students the right to inspect letters or recommendations written in support of application for admission or fellowships. The law also permits students to waive that right if he or she chooses, although such a waiver cannot be a condition of admission or award. If you choose to waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation, please sign the waiver below.

I WAIVE MY LEGAL RIGHT TO INSPECT THIS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NAME _____ Date _____

Mail form to: *Office of Admissions*
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 P.O. Box 757480
 Fairbanks, AK 99775-7480

Name of person providing reference _____

Position/Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

- 1) What is the nature and extent of your contact with the applicant?

- 2) All things considered, would you accept this student into a comparable degree program at your own institution (given, of course, that such a program is or was available)?

- 3) Are you aware of any extenuating circumstances or additional information that we should consider in evaluating this applicant's academic record? (Please elaborate below.)

We are interested in your evaluations of the applicant, as they influence his/her prospects of success in the graduate program indicated above. Thus, the applicant should be compared with the cohort of students applying for advanced study, rather than against "all undergraduates". Percentages indicate the proportion of such students which you would rate below the applicant. Please supplement and amplify your responses in the "Additional Comments" section provided at the end of the evaluation.

Ratings: Superior	(90–100%)
Outstanding	(80–89%)
Above average	(60–79%)
Average	(40–59%)
Below average	(Below 40%)
See comments	
No basis for judgement	

Superior
 Outstanding
 Above Average
 Average
 Below Average
 See Comment
 No Basis

- A. General academic abilities
- (a) Academic preparation for graduate study in marine science
 - (b) Analytic thinking
 - (c) Synthetic thinking
 - (d) Creativity
 - (e) Overall intellectual ability

- B. Communication skills
- (a) Writing ability
 - (b) Verbal communication

- C. Work characteristics
- (a) Ability to work independently
 - (b) Organization
 - (c) Ability to meet schedules
 - (d) Laboratory work:
 - (1) Potential or ability
 - (2) Experience and performance
 - (e) Field work:
 - (1) Potential or ability
 - (2) Experience and performance
 - (f) Work neatness and care

- D. Personal traits
- (a) Motivation for this degree program
 - (b) Interactions with fellow students or co-workers
 - (c) Interactions with faculty or work supervisors
 - (d) Stability and maturity
 - (e) Self-confidence
 - (f) Experience and competence in living and working under remote field conditions

- E. Overall rating
- (a) Potential for this degree program
 - (b) Potential as a Teaching Assistant
 - (c) Potential as a Research Assistant

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE

DATE