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| **Form in Irish:** |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No  | 🞏 |

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| **Applicant Details** |

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| **Applicant Name:** |

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| **Project title:** |

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| **Higher education institution:** |

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| **Referee Details** |

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| **Referee Name:** |

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| **Position**: |

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| **Name of institution and department or company/organisation:** |

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| **Email address:** |

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| **Recommendation** |

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| **I know the applicant:** |
| Very well | 🞏 |
| Well | 🞏 |
| Slightly | 🞏 |

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| **I was the applicant’s:** |
| Adviser | 🞏 |
| Lecturer | 🞏 |
| Tutor | 🞏 |
| Other  | 🞏 |
| If other, please provide further details: From: mm/dd/yyyy to : mm/dd/yyyy |  |

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| **Do you recommend this applicant be supported in their pursuit of a career in postdoctoral research?** |
| Yes | 🞏 |
| No  | 🞏 |

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| **How does this applicant compare to other researchers, at the same academic or professional level, that you have interacted with over the past five years?** |
| Poor | 🞏 |
| Well | 🞏 |
| Very well | 🞏 |
| Excellent | 🞏 |
| Exceptional | 🞏 |

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| **Please provide your observations on the characteristics and achievements of the applicant and comment on their suitability for a career in research:*****(Max 500 words)*** |

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| **Declaration** |

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| I confirm that the information supplied in this reference form is correct and recognise that should it become apparent that any of the information provided is inaccurate or unverifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible:  |
| I agree | 🞏 |