

## Guidelines for completing the Letter of Appraisal

When writing your comments, bear in mind that applications are reviewed by a multidisciplinary selection committee, some members of which may not be familiar with the field or sub-field in which the candidate proposes to work.

**Note:** Ensure that the name, telephone number and address of the applicant appear on the form.

#### Track Record

In this section, you should comment on the candidate's past and potential contributions to scholarly research. Explain the importance to the discipline of the journals in which the candidate has published and/or assess the candidate's prospects for publication.

### **Program of Work**

In this section, assess the originality, significance and feasibility, strengths and weaknesses of the candidate's program of work, and the appropriateness of the proposed institutional affiliation. If applicable, comment on the candidate's proficiency in the foreign language(s) necessary to pursue the program of work.

Your comments should focus on the proposal, its theoretical framework, the relation of the proposal to the field, and the methodology.

Type your comments using a 12-point font. Please do not exceed the space provided. Additional pages will not be submitted to the selection committee.

#### **Important**

You cannot save a form-fillable PDF file using Adobe Acrobat Reader (a software available free from the Internet). If you are using Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can type your information directly into the form; however, once you close your document, your data is lost.

We recommend that you compile your information in a word processor document. Once completed, you can then copy and paste this information into the PDF appraisal form. Your data will print only when you exit the field you have just completed. Print and sign the form.

#### Help

If you are having problems with your appraisal form, please consult the Frequently Asked Questions or contact the SSHRC Helpdesk by telephone at (613) 995-4273 or by E-mail at webgrant@sshrc.ca.



# **Letter of Appraisal**For Postdoctoral Fellowship Applicants

URGENT - DEADLINE MATERIAL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT, IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, BY:

Note: This section is also available as a form-fillable PDF file at www.sshrc.ca.

| Name of applicant Telephone   |          |                                 |
|---|----------|---------------------------------|
| Address   |          |                                 |
| Referees: Note that under the provisions of the <i>Privacy Act</i> , the contents of appraisals are accessible to applicants on request. Although the names of the referees will not be disclosed, the <i>full text</i> of the appraisals will be made accessible to the applicant, with the exception of any comments made regarding other applicants and their identities. The information you supply is for adjudication purposes; it is subsequently retained in the applicant's file and protected by the <i>Privacy Act</i> . |          |                                 |
| I have read   | not read | the applicant's program of work |
| Track record  |          |                                 |
| Program of work   |          |                                 |
| I have known the applicant in my capacity as  |          |                                 |
| Name of referee (print)   |          |                                 |
| Subject field   |          | Department/Division             |
| Academic rank   |          | Organization                    |
| E-mail  |          |                                 |
| Telephone number  | Date     | Signature                       |

