Recommendation Letter

**the Applicant**

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| Candidate family name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  First name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) |\_|\_|/ |\_|\_|/ |\_|\_|\_|\_| |

**To the referee**

The INSIDE-HEART partners wish to thank you for the time you are taking to write on behalf of this candidate who is applying to the PhD programme in the INSIDE-HEART network. You can find a detailed description of the network on our website [www.inside-heart.eu](http://www.inside-heart.eu). Your direct contact with the candidate allows you to provide a candid and informed opinion of his or her qualities and potential for doctoral studies and careers requiring strong research and analytical capabilities. Your assessment is invaluable in assisting us in selecting from a large body of qualified applicants those candidates who can best benefit from and contribute to our network. Your recommendation is for use only in the admission process and will be held in the strictest confidentiality. Please answer in English the questions listed on this form and send it directly by e-mail to [insideheart@polimi.it](mailto:insideheart@polimi.it) on or before February 29, 2024. Your prompt return of this form will be most appreciated, as the applicant cannot be considered without it.

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| Family name: First name: | |
| Organisation: | |
| Address: | |
| Telephone: E-mail: | |
| How long have you known the candidate for and in what context? |  |
| Signature Date |

1. **How do you rate the candidate on the following qualities:**

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|  | Excellent  Top 2 % | Very Good  Top 10 % | Good Top 25 % | Average Top 50% | Below Average Bottom 50% | Unobserved |
| Academic ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Competence in his/her field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professionalism |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation/drive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intellectual curiosity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enterprising spirit/initiative |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Creativity and innovation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teamwork ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organisational ability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oral communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Software coding capabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **How would you describe the candidate’s potential for completing doctoral studies in bioengineering or computer science?**
2. **How would you describe the candidate’s potential for a successful career in a foremost research institution?**
3. **How would you characterise the candidate's major strengths?**
4. **What do you consider his or her major weaknesses?**
5. **How would you evaluate the candidate's motivation, initiative, and drive?**
6. **Are there other matters you think the Admissions Committee should consider in assessing this candidate's suitability for the INSIDE-HEART programme?**
7. **In the context of suitability for doctoral studies, what is your overall recommendation for this applicant?**

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| ❑ Recommend highly | ❑ Recommend | ❑ Recommend with Reservations | ❑ Do not recommend | ❑ Strongly Advise against |

***If you are involved in a doctoral programme as a faculty member, please answer the following question:***

1. **If this candidate applied to the doctoral programme in which you are involved, would you accept her/him?**