A GUIDE FOR APPRAISERS OF APPLICANTS TO THE BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY (SFU)

Your letter of recommendation is a vital part of assessing an applicant’s suitability for their chosen Graduate Program. The Admissions Committee recommends that you base your evaluation of the applicant on their motivation and appropriateness for the program. Please be as specific as possible.

Recommender Questions:

1. What is your relationship to the candidate? How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?

2. What are the applicant’s strengths? Consider their intellectual capacity, maturity and judgement.

3. At Beedie, we believe in continuous improvement. Thinking about the candidate’s skills and knowledge, in your opinion, what are the applicant’s top three (3) areas of growth and development?

4. What is the applicant’s current place in the organizational hierarchy? Please describe the applicant’s leadership style and how well they perform in a team environment?

5. What do you think the applicant will gain from the program?

6. Is there anything else we should know? (Optional)

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