



## Guidelines for References GWI Fellowships 2025

### **General.**

Thank you very much indeed for writing in support of your student's application for a GWI Fellowship or grant. GWI awards Fellowships and grants based on overall academic excellence. The awards are given to PhD students who have completed their first year of research or equivalent if part time. The Fellowships, grants and awards are acknowledgements for outstanding academic standard shown by past achievements, progress of doctoral research, academic referees' comments, and ability to succeed, communicate and become a role model for the future.

### **The reference.**

In her application each student is asked to give a 500-word summary of her research; the progress of her thesis with details of overall hypothesis, methodologies, likely contribution to knowledge, progress to date and what is required to complete the Doctorate.

We are hoping for your views on the student's academic progress, her capacity for independent judgement and innovative research, the progress of her thesis as well as your comments on her overall personality as you feel relevant. Please could you indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the student. Fellowships are given to doctoral students who have already started their research and shown that they will continue. This money is not an "end prize" but is intended to help a student complete their research and to achieve their full potential.

### **The process.**

The awards will be assessed during January - April 2025 by an international committee for experts with an announcement in May 2025 of the winning candidates. The winners of the Fellowships will be invited to attend the Triennial Conference in September 2025 in Zambia to receive her award and participate in proceeding if so desired.

### **Summary:**

Reference should be made on university headed note paper.

Please include: your name, title; address; email address; relationship to the candidate; how long you have known the candidate, the quality of the work she has produced for her PhD so far especially the probable Impact of her research on the academic community and on the wider community, Outreach activities and the probability of her completing her research on time.

Thank you.

References should be sent along with the application to the address given on the application form, [fellowships2025@gwi.graduatewomen.org](mailto:fellowships2025@gwi.graduatewomen.org).

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