**Confidential Referee Form for the PhD Track**

**Dear Referee, Thank you for agreeing to serve as a referee for the Azrieli Fellowship Program.**

**Please attach to this form a letter of reference, providing an evaluation of the candidate's academic merit, originality, and creativity.** Note that the Azrieli Foundation encourages innovative, frontline research paths taken by excellent students. Therefore, please relate to the uniqueness of the proposed research, how it differs from previous work done in the field, and where possible, how it differs from the course of research pursued in the supervisor's research group in recent years.

**Both the form and the letter should be submitted directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university**. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office and to inform the referee of this information.

**Name of Candidate**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Field of Study**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University attended:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the candidate's abilities and performance, by checking the appropriate box below:

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|  | **Excellent** | **Very Good** | **Average** |
| **Academic excellence** |  |  |  |
| **Originality** |  |  |  |
| **Research ability** |  |  |  |
| **Critical thinking & judgment** |  |  |  |
| **Independence** |  |  |  |
| **Perseverance** |  |  |  |
| **Interest in discovery** |  |  |  |
| **Communication skills** |  |  |  |
| **Leadership & interpersonal skills**  |  |  |  |

If you were to compare the candidate with other students in the same field whom you've known at this stage of their academic career, how would you rate the candidate in *overall academic ability and promise for research?*  Please rank this candidate among the top PhD students that you have supervised (or known very well): For example, I rate this student as being 3rd among 15 students).

**I rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PhD students at a similar stage, whom I have supervised / known well.**

Referee Name, Position, Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_