Letter of Recommendation – Applicant for Graduate Admission
PH.D./M.S. GRADUATE PROGRAM
Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Box 352350
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Name of Applicant ______________________________________________ Applying for Autumn Quarter, 20___
(Last)                  (First)

Optional: To be filled in by applicant, if desired, when requesting a letter of recommendation. (In accordance with Public Law 93-380, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.) The admissions committee cannot use letters intended to be confidential unless this legal waiver statement is signed. “I hereby waive my right to future inspection of this letter.”

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________

To be completed by the evaluator:

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please rank the applicant relative to his or her peer group; please indicate the peer group used (e.g., undergraduates at the University of Washington): __________________________

☐ Truly Exceptional  Equal to the very best – someone who appears only every few years
☐ Outstanding    Comparable to the best student in a current class
☐ Above average  Top 25%
☐ Average      Able to complete a PhD
☐ Below average  lower 50%
☐ Unable to evaluate

On the reverse side of this form and/or in a separate letter of recommendation, please write candidly about the applicant’s potential for graduate study. Please comment on his or her intellectual ability and independence, imagination and probable creativity, promise for productive scholarship, character and personal maturity, and ability to organize and express ideas clearly. Specific examples are more useful than routine praise; comparisons to other successful graduates of your school, or other University of Washington graduate students you have known are also helpful. If applicable, please include any obstacles the applicant has overcome to attain his/her educational goals (e.g., economic, social, cultural, educational or other disadvantages).

Admission to graduate study at the University of Washington is:

☐ Strongly recommended  ☐ Recommended  ☐ Recommended with reservations  ☐ NOT recommended

If the applicant’s native language is NOT English, please comment on the applicant’s English proficiency:

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