

## The University of Manchester Humanitarian Scholarships

### Referee's Supporting Statement

You must submit a supporting statement from a referee as part of your scholarship application. The supporting statement helps us to assess your suitability for a scholarship.

Your referee should be someone who has known you for at least 2 years and is a person of good standing in their community. Examples of acceptable referees include:

- a teacher/lecturer from your school, college or university
- your current or recent employer
- a member of staff from a community/voluntary group which you have been involved with.

The referee's Supporting Statement should be no more than 500 words and should cover the following:

- What risks does the applicant face e.g. fleeing armed conflict, discrimination, persecution, suffering or violence on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion?
- How have the applicant's circumstances impacted their ability to pursue higher education?
- How well suited is the applicant to the higher education course they plan to take and how realistic are the applicant's ambitions?
- How do you think the individual would benefit from the support offered by the University of Manchester's Humanitarian Scholarship?
- Is there any other information that you believe is relevant to the individual's application?

There is no fixed format, however your referee must provide their contact details so that we can get in touch if necessary. The reference should be addressed to 'Humanitarian Scholarships at The University of Manchester'.

The reference must be written in English.

The reference does not need to be sent confidentially and must be attached to your application when you submit online.

The reference must not contain any false, misleading or partial information and you must not write any of your reference yourself.