**【For applicants who have used the reserved hiring system only】**

**Waseda University Open Innovation Ecosystem Program**

**for Pioneering Research (W-SPRING)**

**Reference Letter from Supervisor**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Supervisor | Name |  | |
| Graduate School |  | |
| Applicant  (Student) | Name |  | |
| Waseda ID |  | |
| W-SPRING provides an environment so that students can dedicate themselves to independent, pioneering, and interdisciplinary research. This will be possible through financial support of both living and research expenses (for up to three years) to excellent and ambitious PhD students who are the future of Japan's science, technology, and innovation. We hope the students who receive W-SPRING to become very active in industry and eventually contribute to developing the University into a world-class research university and strengthen Japanese industrial competitiveness.  Under the reserved hiring system, for students enrolled in Waseda University's master's program (including the 5-year doctoral program and professional degree program), we aim to promote the advancement of outstanding students to the doctoral program. To this end, we will guarantee support for doctoral studies from an early stage, either in the first or second year of the master's program. However, if the student meets the conditions for cancellation of support as stated in the Application Guidelines after the reserved hiring decision, the support may be canceled.  The supervisor should confirm that the applicant (student) meets the above purpose of this program and has a strong desire to pursue a doctoral program. Please provide specific details for each of the following items, including a guidance plan for the student after enrollment in the doctoral program.  Note: Kindly limit the content to two pages or less. | | | |
| （1）A research progress of the applicant (student) and a mentorship plan for the research field with advancing to a doctoral program  （2）Guidance on Programs to Cultivate International Character (Research presentations at international conferences, Research guidance by foreign faculty members, Sending students to overseas universities and research institutions) and Internships within this program  （3）Expectations for applicants (students) upon completion of a doctoral program | | | |
| Confirmation Column for Supervisors | As the applicant's supervisor, I hereby confirm the above and pledge to provide guidance and supervision to ensure that the applicant fulfills the aims and objectives of this program, if they be selected.  **Note: Please check the box on the right to confirm and then submit.** | |  | |

\*Please convert this form into a PDF file and upload it yourself through the following URL. The file name should be formatted as

follows: "③Area\_Student's Academic year(As of April 1, 2025)\_Student's ID\_Student's Name\_Supervisor's Name".

e.g.: ③Green\_M2\_9999999\_Waseda Taro\_Prof.Okuma.pdf

【Submission URL】<https://my.waseda.jp/application/detail/application-detail?communityContentLinkId=618787388>