Department of Linguistics **Admission Recommendation**

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901-4517 USA

TO THE APPLICANT: Please complete the top section of this form.

NAME (print) _____
Last First Middle

Proposed term of admission _____

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students enrolled at SIUC have access to their educational records, including letters of evaluation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of evaluation, in which case the letters will be held in confidence. If the applicant has not signed a waiver, he or she may request to see the letter after enrolling in the Graduate School.

If you wish to waive your right to examine this evaluation, please sign here:

_____ _____
Signature of applicant Date

TO THE RECOMMENDER: We rely heavily on letters of recommendation in evaluating applicants to our graduate program. Your candid assessment of the applicant in Parts 1 and 2 of this form is of great value to us. Thank you for your help.

I have known the applicant for _____ years in the capacity as _____.

PART 1: Please rate the applicant on each characteristic in comparison with other students at the same level by circling the number.

	No Basis for Judgment	Weak	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
A. Motivation for Graduate Work	0	1	2	3	4	5
B. Intellectual Ability for Grad Work	0	1	2	3	4	5
C. Breadth of General Knowledge	0	1	2	3	4	5
D. Understanding of Major Field	0	1	2	3	4	5
E. Ability to Analyze Ideas	0	1	2	3	4	5
F. Ethical Standards and Integrity	0	1	2	3	4	5
G. Oral English Expression Skills	0	1	2	3	4	5
H. Written English Expression Skills	0	1	2	3	4	5
I. Potential Success as Teaching Asst.	0	1	2	3	4	5
J. Promise in Research/Scholarship	0	1	2	3	4	5
K. I expect applicant's grad work to be	0	1	2	3	4	5

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PART 2: On a separate sheet of paper (preferably letterhead), please provide your candid assessment of the applicant's potential for successful graduate study and for success as a teaching or research assistant. Please sign and date this letter.

In the preparation of your letter, consider as many of the following questions as possible:

- How well, and in what capacity, do you know the applicant?
- What is your assessment of the applicant's potential for successful graduate study in applied linguistics/TESOL?
- What strengths have you observed in the applicant's scholarly work and personal character that suggest she or he is capable of successful graduate study? Specific references to the applicant's academic performance and personal qualities are encouraged. Consider, for example, the applicant's analytic ability, capacity for critical thinking and creativity, oral and written ability, and research ability, as well as the applicant's emotional maturity, motivation, self-discipline, ability to work independently, and ability to work with others.
- What weaknesses, if any, have you observed in the applicant's scholarly work or personal character?
- What is your assessment of the applicant's potential to be an effective teacher? Specific references to your observations of the applicant's teaching, tutoring, or oral presentations are encouraged.

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Recommender's Signature Date Telephone Number

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Type or Print Name Title or Position

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Institution or Affiliation Address

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City State Country Zip/Postal Code

Please send your completed recommendation form and letter of recommendation to the following address:

Chair
Department of Linguistics
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