



Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland Graduate School

Prize PhD Studentships - GUIDANCE FOR REFEREES

The Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland (MASTS; www.masts.ac.uk) is offering one fully funded PhD studentship, by open competition, to outstanding candidates from the UK and overseas. This "Prize" Studentship complements other MASTS PhDs, which have been allocated across institutions and Research Themes.

Each Prize Studentship will involve prolonged periods of research at more than one partner institution, and will benefit from specialized training and development programmes under the auspices of the MASTS Graduate School.

We have asked candidates to demonstrate their achievement of academic excellence. For the selection process, it would be helpful if your reference could cover the following key areas:

1. Your professional relationship to the candidate.
2. Academic ability and potential for independent thinking.
3. Aptitude of the candidate for PhD research and their motivation.
4. Key skills of the candidate: including numeracy and technical ability.
5. An assessment of the candidates numeracy and technical ability

Please submit your reference **before midnight on Monday 1st May 2012**, by emailing masts@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Please make sure that the filename begins with the candidate's family name (e.g. **Miller-reference01.pdf**).