

Deadline for Advanced Standing:
Sunday, November 15th, 2026

Deadline for Regular Track:
Friday, January 15th, 2027



University
of Windsor

School of Social Work

ACADEMIC REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS - MSW

To be completed by a professor or sessional instructor from a university or college.

Once an applicant submits their completed MSW application online through the Faculty of Graduate Studies Application [Website](#), you will receive an email with a link to complete the Academic Reference form. In addition to the reference form, the School of Social Work has specific criteria we request referees to address regarding each applicant. This criterion is located within this form. Please be sure to address the criteria when completing the reference form.

Please be advised, the date provided in the Referee Link email is not the deadline but is the expiry date for the referee link. All references are due by the application deadline.

The form will include a section for the referee to provide further comments. The School of Social Work has specific criteria to be addressed on this form as outlined below:

Please provide a statement of your perceptions of the applicant with respect to the following:

- a. Social justice, diversity, and advocacy commitment;
- b. Ability to deal with stressful situations in life;
- c. Personal ethics in dealing with others;
- d. Communication and interpersonal skills;
- e. Potential for leadership in the development of knowledge and practice in social work.

Completion of this reference is a necessary part of the application to graduate studies at The University of Windsor, School of Social Work. Please provide the reference by the application deadline.

The Admissions Office places a great deal of importance on these confidential recommendations and we appreciate your assistance in evaluating this applicant. The evaluation will be used only for admission purposes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduate Secretary at gradsw@uwindsor.ca or by phone at 519-253-3000 x. 6096.