Enclosure to your application for participation in the

*SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2025-2026*

**LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM** (Instructions)

*Examples of who can be your reference person*

* Supervisor
* Employer/head/director
* Tutor/mentor

*Examples of who* ***cannot*** *be referred to and used as reference person*

* Family members/relatives
* Partners
* Friends
* Individuals who demand compensation (money, goods, favors, services, or other means) from you to give you a statement of reference.

*Why do we require a reference person?*

The referee is expected to state an opinion of the applicant from a professional perspective and thereby provide an essential supplement to the letter of motivation and the curriculum vitae.

During the selection process, the Swedish Institute may contact the reference person for additional information.

*Restrictions*

The letter of reference must be completed in English and cannot exceed two pages. Any additional pages will be disregarded. In order to be valid, the letter must be dated and signed.

The letter should preferably be completed by using the template provided by the Swedish Institute. If, however the referee chooses to write a freeform letter of reference, the details of the applicant as well as contact details for the referee must be provided. Furthermore, the referee is encouraged to answer the questions given in the form.

The completed letter of reference is then to be scanned to PDF format (please **do not** include this instructions page in the conversion) and enclosed along with your application. A letter that is not signed will be disregarded.

Enclosure to the application for participation in the

*SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2025-2026*

**LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM** (Two pages maximum)

The letter of reference must be completed in English. The referee may decide on how to allocate text between the questions provided, given that the letter does not exceed two pages. Any additional page will be disregarded. The completed letter must be signed and converted into PDF format.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| FIRST NAME of applicant /as written in the application form/  |       |
| LAST NAME of applicant /as written in the application form/ |       |
| DATE OF BIRTH of applicant /YYYY-MM-DD/ |       |
| CITIZENSHIP of applicant |       |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| FULL NAME of reference person  |       |
| TITLE/POSITION of reference person |       |
| ORGANISATION of reference person |       |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS of reference person |       |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER of reference person |       |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Please state in what capacity you know the applicant |        |
| If you are the employer of the applicant, please indicate that you support the online participation of the application, up to 5 hours per day during work hours, May 04 – 08, 2026.  |       |

|  |
| --- |
| 1. In your opinion, how would participation in the *SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals* be valuable for the professional development of the applicant?      |
| 2. Please evaluate the applicant’s leadership capacity and skills to contribute to development on behalf of your organisation.      |
| 3. Please describe in what way your organisation would benefit if the applicant was accepted to the *SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals* (if applicable).      |
| 4. Additional remarks/comments (optional)      |

Date and place Signature of reference person