**Reference for Applicant of NKF Research Grant**

Compare the applicant with other individuals of similar training and experience with whom you have been associated. Use the following numerical scores. Mark every block; insert X if insufficient knowledge to rate and "NA" if not applicable.

**1 - Outstanding**—comparable to the best individual in a current class or research laboratory (upper 5%)

**2 - Excellent**—upper 6 to 20%

**3 - Very Good** (Above Average)—upper 21 to 40%

**4 - Good** (Average)—middle 41 to 60%

**5 - Fair** (Below Average)—lower 40%

\_\_ Research Ability and Potential \_\_ Originality

\_\_ Written and Verbal Communications \_\_ Accuracy

\_\_ Perseverance in Pursuing Goals \_\_ Scientific Background

\_\_ Self-Reliance and Independence \_\_ Familiarity with Research Literature

\_\_ Clinical Proficiency, if relevant \_\_ Ability to Organize Scientific Data

\_\_ Laboratory Skills and Techniques, if relevant

Describe your association with the applicant. Comment on the above items, including other areas as appropriate, identifying the strengths and weaknesses that should be considered in evaluating the applicant's potential for a research career. (Use continuation pages as necessary.)

DATES ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICANT:

CAPACITY AT THAT TIME (Teacher, dissertation advisor, supervisor, or other) (Use continuation pages as necessary.):

RESPONDENT (Name, title, department, and institution):

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

DATE:

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: [kiley.thornton@kidney.org](mailto:kiley.thornton@kidney.org) no later than February 10, 2020.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE APPLICANT’S NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

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