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confident, ambitious) hardworking, dependable, conscientious, diligent, dedicateo



| GPA, academic record (first class average) | Quality & originality of contributions to research & development |
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| Scholarships & awards held | Relevance of work experience & academic training |
| Duration of previous studies | Significance, feasibility & merit of proposed research |
| Type of program & courses pursued | Judgement & ability to think critically |
| Course load, relative standing (if available) | Ability to apply skills & knowledge; initiative & autonomy |
| | Research experience & achievement relative to expectations for candidate's academic experience |

| Work experience | Publications, presentations, posters |
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| Leadership experience | Contributions to policy and practice |
| Project management including organizing conferences, meetings | Communication of research results to specialist & non-specialist audiences |
| Ability or potential to communicate theoretical/scientific concepts clearly in written & oral formats | Creation/curation of data sets, appropriate data stewardship |
| Involvement in academic life | Strengthening of research networks |
| Volunteerism & community outreach | Advances to EDI in research ecosystem |

Don't undervalue 'non-academic' accomplishments which may be the tie-breaker between two students with equal academic & research scores







