



European and International Scholarships Guidance notes for referees

The Panel would be grateful if you could cover as many of the following points as possible in your supporting letter, reflecting the selection criteria. References must demonstrate how candidates meet these criteria, as references that only confirm dates of employment may be discounted.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. The applicant's commitment to the Bar
3. The motivation of the candidate for the internship and its benefit for their career progression
4. The candidate's intellectual ability
5. Evidence of the applicant's written and oral advocacy skills, which may include their ability to present an argument and defend a position, as well as debating, mooting, public speaking skills, competition experience and self-presentation.
6. Evidence of inter-personal skills and integrity
7. Evidence of the candidate's ability to be an excellent ambassador for the Inn

Any other comments, not covered by the above, which would demonstrate to the Panel the fitness of the individual to pursue a career at the Bar with the assistance of a Lincoln's Inn prize, would be helpful.

Please note the closing date for applications and references is 12:00 on Monday 18 March 2024.

References must be submitted by email to scholarships@lincolnsinn.org.uk before the deadline. They can be sent by the referee directly or passed on by the applicant, but they must be written on headed paper and signed by the referee.