**Letter Template to External Reviewers**

**Updated Spring 2025**

Date

Inside Address

Dear Professor XXX:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as an external reviewer of the scholarly activity of Assistant/Associate Professor YYY, who is being considered at this time for tenure and/or for promotion to the rank of associate professor/professor.

One of the 50 largest public institutions in the nation, Kennesaw State University is a student-centered, research driven R2, placing it among the top 7% of research universities.  With an emphasis on research with relevance, KSU’s portfolio not only leads to new knowledge and discoveries by faculty but also hands-on opportunities for students. A Carnegie-designated community engaged institution, Kennesaw State values its partnership with the local and regional community, making a $2.15 billion-dollar economic impact on the Atlanta metro area. With an emphasis on the scholarship of teaching and learning, KSU offers its approximately 48,000 students outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs and provides a vibrant campus experience. With the launch of its new Strategic Plan, [Taking Flight](https://www.kennesaw.edu/president/strategic-plan/index.php), KSU is poised for national prominence, creating an environment where students thrive and producing innovative research that advances society.

As you review Professor YYY’s work, please note that since the time of his/her hiring/last promotion review, Dr. YYY’s teaching load has, on average, been X classes and/or ZZ credit hours per semester. Dr. YYY is a member of the Department (s) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Chair: Provide the academic distinction statement for your department/school here (and/or possibly a link to your department/school webpage if appropriate).

We do not ask that you make a tenure/promotion recommendation. Your evaluative comments, however, based upon your knowledge and appreciation of the field and its standards, will be a significant contribution to our process. As you review these materials and address the candidate’s scholarly contributions, we ask that you provide specific commentary in the following areas:

 1. How do you know the candidate, in what capacity, and for what length of time?

2. How would you assess the candidate’s contributions to the field (sponsored research, publications, conference proceedings, conference presentations, exhibits, performances (whatever is appropriate in the specific discipline) in terms of significance and impact?

3. In your judgement, what is the candidate’s potential for future success?

To assist you, Dr. YYY’s current vita, selected publications and/or other materials which he/she has submitted for review, and the department’s guidelines for promotion and tenure can be viewed in our digital workflow system found at the following link:

INSERT Watermark URL.

Your written comments will become part of Professor YYY’s promotion and tenure portfolio and will be seen by committees and administrators involved in the promotion and tenure process at KSU. Your letter will be kept confidential to the extent possible in compliance with the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A §50-18-0 through 50-18-76) and other applicable law.

Please include a copy of your current vita along with your evaluation letter. Your letter and vita should be uploaded into our digital workflow system using the same link provided above. Please note, this is a unique and secure URL, so it has an expiration date. If you receive notice that your link has expired, please respond to this email so that a new link can be sent to you. In light of our promotion and tenure timeline, I would appreciate receiving your evaluation letter no later than 01 July.

Thank you very much for your willingness to assist Kennesaw State University in this very important process. If you have any questions, please call me at 470.578.XXXX.

Sincerely yours,

Name

Title