

# RADA

## MA Performance Lighting Design Reference Guide

Thank you for agreeing to complete a reference for an Applicant to the MA Performance Lighting Design Programme at RADA.

This 18-month programme (one year and one term) is designed for emerging lighting designers who are looking to professionalise their practice. It empowers students to push creative boundaries in lighting design for live performance, develop their technical and creative skills in using light as an artistic medium, and gain the confidence to enter the industry as practitioners, designers and future leaders.

At RADA, we learn by doing. Students engage in hands-on, vocational training that immerses them in theatre production, ensuring they are fully equipped for success in the industry. The programme's three strands develop student's identity as creative practitioners, lighting designers and technical specialists. You can read more about the programme [on our website](#).

### Referee Requirements

References should be completed by someone who has a professional relationship with the Applicant and has known the Applicant for at least two years. Referees do not need to be professional lighting designers, directors, or artistic collaborators of the Applicant.

### Reference Guidance

Please provide a professional reference that:

- Is one A4 page; and
- Includes the Applicant's name; and
- Includes the referee's contact details.

Please include your experience of the following:

- Your relationship to the Applicant; and
- The duration of your relationship; and
- Their suitability for study at Level 7 (MA); and
- Their suitability for a vocational programme; and
- Your experience of the Applicant's collaborative and independent work; and
- Any experience you have of their practice as a creative artist.

### Reference Submission

You will have received a link from Embark, our admissions portal, where you can upload your reference. If you have any problems, please email [admissions@rada.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rada.ac.uk).

### Other Links

- [Programme Webpage](#)
- [Programme Specification](#)
- [How to apply](#)

Thank you again for your support of the Applicant.