

The University of New Mexico MARC U-STAR Program

Letter of Reference

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT:

Complete the section above the dotted line and give this form to your recommender.

NAME: _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RECOMENDER:

The student named above has applied to the Minority Access to Research Careers Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research Program. This NIH-funded program is designed to help outstanding underrepresented students prepare for graduate school and careers in biomedical research. Please complete the table shown below then write candidly about the applicant's qualifications and potential to contribute to and benefit from an undergraduate research experience, as well as his/her intellect, maturity and motivation for graduate study.

Personal and professional appraisal compared to other students in your class at the same point in their undergraduate studies (check one box for each characteristic):

Characteristic	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Inadequate Knowledge
Intellectual Capacity					
Leadership					
Sense of Responsibility					
Ability to Work with people					
Ability to Organize					
Ability to Work Independently					
Maturity					
Ability in Written Communication					
Ability to Analyze Problems and Solve Them Effectively					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Please use the back of this form or a separate sheet for descriptive comments that will assist in providing a complete picture of the applicants abilities and potential as a research training student.

Overall Recommendation (please circle one):

Strongly Recommend

Recommend

Recommend with Reservations

Do Not Recommend

Recommender's Name (please print): _____

Rank/Department/Institution: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may return this form to the student in a sealed envelope or by mailing it to:
Dr. Cristina Takacs-Vesbach, Program Director, Department of Biology MARC U-STAR
Program, MSC03 2020, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001 or by
emailing it to marc@unm.edu