

# 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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RECOMMENDER:**

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 minority students prepare for graduate school and careers in biomedical research. Please complete the table below and 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 CLASSES 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 & 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 applicant's abilities and potential as a research training student.

**Overall Recommendation (please circle one):**

**Strongly Recommended**

**Recommend**

**Recommended 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:  
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