

Louisiana State University
HHMI Professors Program Undergraduate Mentors
Recommendation Form
Fall 2005

Please type or print

Applicant Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Middle initial:** _____

Recommended by: _____

Instructions to Applicant: This form should be given to individuals who can attest to your motivation, mentoring abilities, potential for academic success in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) undergraduate program, and promise for success in a STEM graduate program. At least two recommendations should be academic. Make sure that each recommender submits both a recommendation form and a letter of recommendation printed on official letterhead, as **we are unable to accept incomplete recommendations.**

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation. Please check the appropriate box and sign below. Should you decide not to waive the right, you will have access to the recommendation if you enroll in the LSU HHMI Professors Program. Failing to check the appropriate box will automatically waive your access to view this recommendation.

___ *I hereby waive my right of access to this reference.* _____
Signature Date

___ *I DO NOT waive my right of access to this reference.* _____
Signature Date

Instructions to Recommender: We appreciate your willingness to serve as a reference for the person applying to our HHMI Professors Program. The LSU HHMI Professors Program is seeking extraordinary students who will be able to successfully fulfill the scholastic requirements of the program while coping with the demands of mentoring and research. **Please enclose a separate letter detailing the candidate's qualifications with this form.** Seal it, sign across the seal, and return it to the applicant or mail it directly to the HHMI Professors Program. (Address Below)

Name: _____

Title or Position: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- How long have you known the applicant? _____

This recommendation form and accompanying letter must be received by January 14, 2005

Incomplete or late recommendations will jeopardize the applicant's consideration for admission to the HHMI Professors Program at Louisiana State University.

Please mail the completed form to:

HHMI Professors Program
Louisiana State University
Office of Strategic Initiatives
240 Thomas Boyd Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Please enclose a letter printed on university, high school, or agency letterhead that addresses one or more of the following topics:

- The applicant’s strengths and weaknesses in terms of knowledge, attitude, skills, and character
- The applicant’s potential as a successful mentor, researcher, and leader
- The applicant’s commitment to diversity, collaboration, and service
- Why you believe the applicant will find academic success as an undergraduate and later in a PhD or MD/PhD program in a STEM discipline

****We are unable to consider recommendations that do not include *both* this form *and* a separate letter on official letterhead.****

Please rate the applicant in each of the following categories by circling the appropriate number.

		Below Average			Average			Above Average			Cannot Rate
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Academic Qualifications	Knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Intelligence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Academic Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Carries Out Assignments	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Resourcefulness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Personal Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Academic Commitment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Potential to Succeed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Overall Academic Qualifications	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
Personal Qualifications	Social Awareness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Stability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Interpersonal Skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Openness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Empathy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Judgment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Communication Skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Integrity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A
	Overall Personal Qualifications	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	N/A

In rating the applicant, who is your basis of comparison?

Other students
 Other volunteers

Other employees
 Other Majors in _____

What is your overall recommendation of the candidate?

Highly Recommended
 Recommended with Reservations

Recommended
 Not Recommended

If you have not recommended the applicant, or recommend the applicant with reservations, please give a brief explanation.

Thank You!