

**2009 NSF RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU) IN  
NANOMATERIALS AND NANOMECHANICS**



**Department of Mechanical Engineering**

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION  
At Least One Must be from an Engineering Faculty Member**

**Part 1. To be completed by the student.**

Student Applicant's Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Federal Law provides me, after enrollment, with a right of access to this reference form and that no school may require me to waive this right.

I hereby \_\_\_\_\_ waive \_\_\_\_\_ do not waive my right of access to this reference form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2. To be completed by the recommender.**

*Recommender Information:*

Please complete this reference form and attach a brief letter of recommendation describing your evaluation of the applicant's capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses. Specifically address the student's ability to successfully conduct independent research and to benefit from this program. Indicate how long you have known the applicant, and in what capacity.

Recommender's Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Summary Evaluation:*

Please rate the applicant's overall scholarly ability in comparison with other students with the same amount of experience and education:

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|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Outstanding   | Top 5%    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Very Good     | 5% - 15%  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Good          | 15% - 25% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Average       | 25% - 50% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Below Average | Below 50% |

Send the recommendation letter in a *sealed envelope with your signature across the seal* to:

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**DEADLINE FOR RECOMMENDATION IS MARCH 2, 2009**