



## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

### Scholarships for Undergraduate Student Participation in Computational Science and Engineering Research

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The SDSU STEM Scholars Program provides scholarships for undergraduate students who are juniors or seniors in science and engineering to pursue guided research in computational modeling as related to their field. The SDSU STEM Scholars Program is managed by SDSU's Computational Science Research Center (CSRC).

#### THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Please complete this section of this form and submit to someone familiar with your academic qualifications and personal qualities. If you have not been in an academic environment for several years, you may wish to have an employer complete one of your recommendations. These letters should be mailed directly by the professor/employer, or if included with your admissions packet, the evaluator should sign across the seal.

Name of Applicant (as given on the application to SDSU): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code Country (if not U.S.)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

RED ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Objective (select one):  
☐ BS in Science or Engineering related discipline  
☐ PhD in Computational Science

The following Waiver of Access is optional at the applicant's discretion. If signed by the applicant, the waiver certifies to the evaluator and the University that this evaluation is confidential)

#### Applicant's Waiver of Access (valid only if signed)

I hereby waive all rights to see or inspect any statement sent to San Diego State University as a result of this request.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR

Please discuss your personal impressions of the candidate's intellectual ability, potential for graduate study, and comment on his or her character, quality of previous work, and promise of productive scholarship. Please feel free to attach any additional comments and/or letter to this form. *If you do not answer any of the specific questions, it would be helpful to know whether you do not feel qualified to do so, or just wish to withhold comment.* Your careful evaluation of the student will be greatly appreciated.

**PART I:** In responding to the following questions, please avoid as far as possible, relative terms such as "good" or "fair"; specific statements are preferable. The most helpful references are those that include both statements of strength and limitations.

1. To what degree is the applicant capable of communicating orally and in writing?

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2. How would you rate the applicant's overall intellectual and scholastic ability?

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3. How would you rate the applicant's emotional maturity, dependability, and ability to achieve a working relationship with others?

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4. How effective is the applicant's as a creative thinker and does he/she show an aptitude for independent problem solving?

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**PART II:** Please present a brief statement of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses that would have a bearing on his/her performance as a research student?

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**Degree of Recommendation:**

☐ Highly Recommended

☐ Recommended with some reservations

☐ Recommended

☐ Not Recommended

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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