

Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for your former student for the 2020 SRF Postbaccalaureate Fellowship Program. This fellowship will give successful candidates the opportunity to conduct biomedical research to combat diseases of aging, such as cancer, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's Disease. During the gap year, writing exercises will help hone their scientific communication skills for applications and interviews.

Any insight you can provide regarding this candidate's ability to successfully complete his or her own research project under the tutelage of a mentor would be greatly appreciated. In particular, please comment on your own experiences conducting research with the applicant – experimental planning and data analysis abilities, skills you feel the student has mastered, ability to troubleshoot problems, and work ethic are some of the topics we'd find most useful.

There are no formatting requirements for the letter itself. Feel free to use your own university form if you prefer, but simple paragraph format is fine. A signed letter as an attachment is preferred but not required. To aid us in assembling documents for each candidate's application, please adhere to the following naming conventions for the subject line of your email and attached file.

1. Email Subject Line

The subject line of your email should be "*student surname first name letter from your name*"

For instance, the subject line for a letter for Amy Wong from Dr. Hubert Farnsworth would be:

Wong Amy letter from Hubert Farnsworth

2. Attached File Name

Attached files should be named as follows:

student surname_student first name_letter_your surname

For example, a letter for Amy Wong from Dr. Hubert Farnsworth would be named:

Wong_Amy_letter_Farnsworth

Please email your letter of recommendation to 2020recommendations@sens.org by noon PST on Monday February 17, 2020 (12 pm PST 2/17/20). Your letter may be sent by another university representative if necessary, but a letter sent by the student will be disregarded.

Again, thank you in advance for your contribution to this student's application. If your student applied to our Summer Scholars Program as well, please feel free to send us an email asking us to reuse that letter of recommendation for this application. If you would like to learn more about SENS Research Foundation please visit our website at www.sens.org. Researchers studying age-related diseases may also be interested in submitting a grant proposal at <https://www.sens.org/our-research/submit-a-grant-proposal/>.

Best regards,



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