

Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for your former student for the 2021 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, enthusiasm, 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 package, please adhere to the following naming conventions for the subject line of your email.

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 Summer Smith from Dr. Richard Sanchez would be:
Smith Summer letter from Richard Sanchez

Please email your letter of recommendation to 2021recommendations@sens.org by noon PST on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 (12 pm PST 2/17/21). 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 this year as well, we can 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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