

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Two letters of recommendation are needed. One must be from the PI (head of the lab). Please provide your PI with this guide to help them write your recommendation letter.

Dear research mentor, please provide the following information in your recommendation letter for the Yale College First-Year Summer Research Fellowship in the Sciences & Engineering applicant:

- 1) Briefly describe the project the student will be working on. Describe the scholarly and pedagogic merits of the proposed project.
- 2) What are your expectations of the student? Please explain the qualifications and potential of the student.
- 3) Describe how you will supervise the student. How often will you meet with your mentee? Will your mentee participate in lab meetings or journal clubs?
- 4) Describe the student's daily mentor, if other than yourself. Why did you choose this person to mentor the student?
- 5) Yale undergrads are representative of diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds. How will your lab enhance an environment that promotes diverse perspective on science, research, and training?

The second letter should speak to the applicant's abilities and propensities to succeed in research and can be from a previous PI (within or outside of Yale) or another mentor or professor but not from the same lab as your proposed mentor. ***For First-Year students only:** if these mentors do not exist, a letter from your high school STEM teacher who knows you very well will be considered.*