

**Mineral Physics Institute
Letter of Recommendation
Summer 2008 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
Stony Brook University**

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Student: Fill out the top portion of two forms.
2. Deliver them to two individuals who you feel may best comment on your intellectual and creative abilities (professor, advisor, lecturer, Etc.)

Name of Applicant _____
 Current Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

Please understand that you have the right to inspect your application file upon request (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) but that by signing the form and giving it to the individuals you select, you are **WAIVING** that right with regard to these letters of recommendation.

Signature of Student: _____

LETTER WRITER INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Letter of Recommendation:

Writers of letters of recommendation are requested to write a statement on an additional sheet and attach it to this page before sending it in to the address below. The screening committee is grateful for any pertinent information regarding the applicant but will particularly appreciate the writer's opinion of the candidate's potential ability for a career in research science. A careful discrimination between strong and weak characteristics of the candidate will be more helpful than routine praise.

ALTERNATE: Letter writers may submit a letter of recommendation through email in lieu of this form. Please put the full name of the recipient in your letter. Email to: Samantha Lin samantha.lin@sunysb.edu

2. Applicant Rating:

Please rate the applicant in comparison with others of his/her age and position whom you have known within the past five years. If possible, indicate the number of students with whom you are comparing him/her.

Make a check mark in the appropriate box	Upper 1% or 2%	Upper 10% but not upper 1% or 2%	Upper 20% But not upper 10%	Upper half but not upper 25%	Lower half	No basis for judgment
Academic Performance						
Actual Ability						
Ability to Express Himself/Herself						
Motivation for Research Career						

Recommender

Printed Name _____ Position _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____

Return completed recommendation to:

**Samantha Lin
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Stony Brook, NY 11794-2100**