

2016-2017 Baja Basins Research Experience for Undergraduates

Recommendation Letter Form

This form has been given to you by a student who is applying to the Baja Basins Research Experiences for Undergraduates program. Admission is competitive, and we depend on the advice of referees to select the most deserving students. Please feel free to either complete the form below, or write us a letter on your own letterhead. If you use this form, please sign on the indicated line. The deadline for submitting this recommendation is October 3, 2016. Thank you.

To be completed by student:

Student's name:

To be completed by referee:

Referee's name:

Referee's title and institution:

1. What contacts have you had with this student?

2. How would you rate this student in relation to others geology undergraduate students?
top 1% [] top 5% [] top 20% [] top 50% [] other

3. What can you tell us about the student's academic abilities?

4. What qualifications does this student have that you think will allow him/her to successfully conduct field research and complete a Baja Basins research project?

5. Generally, students are thought highly by the people who recommend them. To truly get a rounded picture of the student, we need to know of weaknesses, however minor. Please elaborate on any limitations you foresee the student experiencing conducting research in the field in hot, dry weather, working in the laboratory, socializing with his/her peers, and living in an unfamiliar city.

6. The Baja Basins project spends 3-weeks in México conducting field research in rough, rugged, hot conditions. In 2017, we are also planning to spend part of the time dry camping. Have you had an opportunity to assess the student's ability to operate outdoors, conduct field research, camp, etc? Please describe.

7. Does the student have the maturity and motivation to do directed research in an unfamiliar environment?

8. Does the student relate well to his/her peers? Are the student's communication skills good?

9. Please add any other comments that might be helpful to us.
10. Overall, I recommend this student.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your help.
Please return this form to:
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