

Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)
November 7-10, 2007 * Austin, Texas
2007 Student Travel Award Application
Research Adviser Reference Form

The goal of the ABRCMS Travel Award is to increase the number of students pursuing advanced training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. The Award offers undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in one of the nation's premier scientific meetings for undergraduate students. **Two recommendations are required, one from a faculty adviser and another from a research adviser.**

To assist in the evaluation of the applicant, please provide an assessment of the applicant by completing the information requested below.

REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Reference's Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Name of College/University: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Fax _____

Reference's Email Address: _____ Verify Email Address: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known this applicant?

____ Less than 3 months ____ 3-9 months ____ 9-24 months ____ More than 2 years

How long did the applicant conduct research under your supervision?

____ Less than 3 months ____ 3-9 months ____ 9-24 months ____ More than 2 years

Please rank the applicant's potential to become an independent researcher.

____ A person who, in your experience, appears only once every few years; equivalent to the very best you have known as an undergraduate student

____ Highest 10%; equivalent to the best undergraduate student in a given year

____ Not in the upper 10%, but certainly in the upper 25%

____ Not in the upper 25%, but certainly in the upper 50%

____ None of the above

____ Unable to rank applicant

On a one-typed page, please address each of the following:

1. Describe the applicant's role in the overall research project.
2. How large is your research team and how often did you meet with applicant?
3. What contributions did the applicant make to the overall project?
4. Describe the applicant's ability to work independently, providing concrete examples.

As you prepare to submit your reference letter, please be sure to do the following:

- Sign the reference letter and attach the reference form.
- Enclose 6 copies in a single envelope, sign the backflap and mail to:

**American Society for Microbiology
Attention: Education Dept. - ABRCMS Travel Award Program
1752 N. Street NW
Washington, DC 20036**

All recommendations **MUST BE MAILED** to the ASM Headquarters and postmarked by **September 7, 2007**. If you have any questions or concerns, please email ABRCMS staff at abrcms@asmusa.org or visit our conference website at: www.abrcms.org.

**The information contained in your letter of reference will be held confidential,
except as required by law.**