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| **Recommendation Form**  **OTS NSF LSAMP RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU) IN COSTA RICA Summer 2021** |

#### Instructions for the Recommender:

1. Thank you for agreeing to provide your student with a recommendation. This REU Recommendation Form is due **March 10th, 2021.**
2. Please fill in the word document below by clicking on the blank areas directly next to the field description. Once the form has been completed, please save it by using the instructions below:

Please save this document using the following format:

REUrec(STUDENTS LASTNAME, STUDENTS FIRST INITIALS).doc

For example, if you are writing a recommendation for a student named Andrea Johnson, your Letter of Recommendation should be labeled as:

REUrec(JOHNSON,A).docx

1. Upon completing and saving this form, please send it to: [reu.program@tropicalstudies.org](mailto:reu.program@tropicalstudies.org).

\*\*\* If you have any questions about this application process, please contact Sofia Rodriguez, OTS Education Manager, [sofia.rodriguez@tropicalstudies.org](mailto:sofia.rodriguez@tropicalstudies.org).

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| This recommendation will be used for admissions purposes only. It will not be made part of the student’s educational record and no reference will be made to it for educational purposes after a decision has been made on the applicant’s admissibility. Therefore, this recommendation is not subject to the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The applicant will not have legal access to this recommendation. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant’s name: |  | | | |  | | |  | |
| *(Please type or print)* | Last | | | | First | | | Middle | |
| College or university now attending: | |  | | | | | | | |
| **RECOMMENDER’S INFORMATION:**  By completing this form, you are providing us with important feedback to help evaluate the student’s application. | | | | | | | | | |
| Recommender´s name: | | | | | Appointment: | | | | |
| Phone number: | | | | | E-mail: | | | | |
| University: | | | | | | | | | |
| *Please mark with a letter “X” the line the reflects your recommendation for this candidate for admission to the OTS Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Costa Rica.* | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **Not recommended** | **Without enthusiasm** | | **Fairly**  **strong** | **Strongly** | | **Enthusiastically** |
| **For academic promise:** | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **For character and personal promise:** | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Overall recommendation:** | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Please write an assessment of the applicant by addressing the following questions: | | | |
| 1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity? | | | |
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| 2. Discuss the applicant’s academic strengths and weaknesses, with particular regard to their interest and / or ability to conduct research. | | | |
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| 3. Because the candidate’s ability to live and work in new and potentially uncomfortable situations is important for this program, please give your assessment of the applicant’s personal qualities and social skills, including positives and negatives. | | | |
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| 1. How does the student hope to advance themselves professionally in STEM fields through participation in this program, including thoughts on their goals for continued education (either at a 4-year institution or in graduate school) and career advances?? Please explain. | | | |
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| 5. Additional comments regarding this applicant: | | | |
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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |
|  | (type your name here) |  |  |