

HAMEL CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

International Research Opportunities Program (IROP)

UNH Faculty Mentor Recommendation

Student Applicant: Complete, print, and sign the top portion of this form before giving it to your UNH faculty mentor.

Student name _____ Major/College _____

Student email _____ UNH ID#: _____

Project title _____

UNH Mentor name _____ Department/College _____

UNH Mentor phone _____ UNH Mentor email _____

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to educational records concerning them. Students are also permitted to waive their right of access to recommendations.

Student: "I waive my right to read this letter of recommendation." _____ Date: _____ Student signature: _____

Yes _____ No _____

UNH Faculty Mentors: Please complete the assessment on p. 2 and write a letter of recommendation using the prompts below. This form, along with the letter of recommendation, must be uploaded to the online portal on the IROP webpage by the application deadline: <https://www.unh.edu/undergrad-research/programs/international-research-opportunities-program-irop>

PART ONE: MENTORING AND RESEARCH SITE

- Relate your experience supervising the student in class or research. How does this student compare with peers?
- Please comment on your consultations with the student as s/he prepared the IROP application.
- What is the relationship between the student's project and your own research or areas of expertise?
- Please describe your relationship with the foreign mentor. (Colleague? Research partner? Other?)
- Please comment on the choice of research site in terms of 1) your own research or travels, 2) relevance to this specific project, and/or 3) any unique cultural opportunities in this field/region.
- Please describe your plans for further preparing the student for each aspect of his/her role in this project prior to departure for the research site. *Note: If you or the student will not be on campus in the semester prior to the research summer, please explain your arrangements for ensuring the student's preparation in advance of the research period.*

PART TWO: STUDENT AND PROJECT

- Does the proposal provide a clear statement of the research questions to be answered? Are these questions sufficiently specific to allow them to be reasonably addressed in the 9-week research period?
- Does the student have the 1) sufficient disciplinary background, 2) language and cultural preparation, and 3) clearly defined methodology necessary for successful completion of the research?
- Please comment on the student's cultural preparation, maturity, and coping skills for research abroad.
- Does the proposal show careful preliminary investigation, including necessary bibliography?
- What kind of supervision will the student need and have during the research period? Please describe the contacts/ supervision the student will have at the research site.
- Will you be available to communicate with the student during the summer? If so, how?
- Please indicate any necessary prior permission/approval from UNH or foreign institutions for student access to resources during the project. Example: Does the student need permission from UNH's Institutional Review Board? All things considered, including the student's capability, is the project location and nature of research safe?
- Is the budget a reasonable request for this student's project? Please also indicate approval by signing the budget form.
- In your estimation, should UNH underwrite the funding of this particular student's research?
- What is the significance of the project and its potential educational value for the student?

Before uploading to the online portal:

Please use this naming format when saving the FORM: StudentLastname_StudentFirstname_FacultyLastname_Form

Please use this naming format when saving your LETTER: StudentLastname_StudentFirstname_FacultyLastname_Letter

To the UNH Faculty Mentor:

The IROP Advisory Board relies heavily on your judgment regarding the feasibility of the proposed research project. Please complete the comparative assessment below and compose a letter addressing mentoring, the research site, the student, and the project (see following page). Your response should be as specific as possible about the student's research capabilities and role as a UNH representative. Please also confirm that this student has or will have junior-level preparation in his/her major prior to conducting this research. Please upload this form, along with a letter of recommendation, to the online portal on the IROP webpage by the application deadline: <https://www.unh.edu/undergrad-research/programs/international-research-opportunities-program-irop>

Comparative Student Assessment

Please indicate the applicant's ability and professional competence in comparison with other individuals whom you have known in similar standing.

	Below average (lowest 40%)	Average (mid 20%)	Above average (next 15%)	Very good (next 10%)	Outstanding (next 10%)	Exceptional (highest 5%)	Inadequate opportunity to observe
General knowledge							
Knowledge in chosen field							
Motivation and seriousness of purpose							
Ability to plan and carry out research							
Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing							
Emotional stability and maturity							
Self-reliance and independence							
Ability to make sound judgments							
Potential for future growth in chosen field							
Effectiveness with people							
Impression UNH student will make abroad							