Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Teams (SURF IT)
Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research
UNH FACULTY RECOMMENDATION (non-mentor)

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

Student's Name: UNH ID#:

UNH Email:

Major/College:

Title of Project:

Faculty Name: Faculty UNH Email:

Faculty Department/College: Faculty Phone Number:

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." Yes: **No**

Date   Signature

This form, along with a letter of recommendation, must be uploaded to the online portal on the SURF IT webpage: https://www.unh.edu/undergrad-research/programs/surf-interdisciplinary-teams-surf-it

Forms and letters must be uploaded by the UNH faculty recommender no later than the application deadline:
- **March 4, 2026 (for research during summer 2026)**

About SURF IT: SURF IT is a program designed to encourage and fund independent, interdisciplinary, team-based research in any discipline. Interdisciplinary or convergence research brings together teams of undergraduates and their faculty mentors from different disciplines – i.e., different departments or colleges – to study a complex problem. Together, the teams pose a research question/hypothesis, design an integrated approach through the lens of their respective disciplines, and analyze their findings/ results to yield a unified conclusion.

Criteria to consider when recommending a student for SURF IT:
- Student has demonstrated outstanding work in class (or other supervised academic setting), excelling in both written and oral communication.
- Student exhibits a high level of maturity and responsibility in meeting all expectations of a course or other academic work (e.g., following instructions, submitting work on time, etc.).
- Student exhibits curiosity and imagination in addressing the topics/themes of a course (or other academic work).

In a separate letter of recommendation (signed and on letterhead), please comment on the following:
1. Your present/previous experience with the student. How does this student compare with other students you have known?
2. The special qualities/abilities of the student that will enable him/her successfully to conduct a team-based, interdisciplinary summer research project. Based on your experience with the student, do you believe he/she would work well on an interdisciplinary research team?
3. The benefits of this project and an interdisciplinary, team-based experience for this student.

Before uploading to the online portal, please save each document as a PDF using these naming formats:
- > **FORM:** StudentLastname_StudentFirstname_FacultyLastname_Form
- > **LETTER:** StudentLastname_StudentFirstname_FacultyLastname_Letter

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