

# HAMEL CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Abroad  
UNH Faculty Mentor Recommendation

***Student Applicant: Complete, print, and sign the top portion of this form before giving it to your UNH faculty mentor – together with the Faculty Mentor Memo (available online).***

Student name

Major/College

Project title

Faculty name

Department/College

Faculty phone

Faculty e-mail

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

Student signature:

Date:

Yes

No

**The form on the following page must be completed by the faculty mentor and, with a letter of recommendation, must be submitted to the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research (either hand deliver or scan and e-mail to [georgeann.murphy@unh.edu](mailto:georgeann.murphy@unh.edu)) by the application deadline.**

**To the UNH Faculty Mentor:**

In advising your SURF applicant, please review the Faculty Mentor Memo provided to you by the applicant (also available at <http://unh.edu/undergrad-research/summer-undergraduate-research-fellowships-surf> ). In completing this recommendation, please keep in mind that the applicant will be serving as a representative of UNH and that personal suitability, as well as academic achievement, is an important criterion to be considered.

**I. 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							

II. Please write a letter of support commenting on the following. Attach your letter to this form and hand deliver to Hood House 209, or scan and e-mail both documents to [georgeann.murphy@unh.edu](mailto:georgeann.murphy@unh.edu).

**A. Evaluate your past or present experience supervising the student in course work or research.**

**B. How well prepared is the student to undertake the project in the time period allowed?**

1. Does the student have sufficient preparation (e.g. disciplinary background, clearly defined methodology) to undertake the specific project proposed?
2. Does the student have sufficient preparation (e.g. language, awareness of cultural differences, maturity, coping skills) to undertake the project at the designated location?
3. All things considered, including the student's capability, is this a safe and feasible project?
4. What is the significance of the project and its potential educational value for the student?
5. What is the relationship between the student's project and your own research or areas of expertise?
6. What kind of supervision will the student need and have during the research period?
  - a. Will the student have contacts or supervision at the research site? (Please specify.)
  - b. Will the student be able to communicate with you during the summer? If so, how and how often?
  - c. Does the student need prior permission/approval for access to any resources necessary for the project?

**C. Research Site**

1. Please comment on the choice of research site in terms of a) relevance to this specific project, and/or b) any unique cultural opportunities in this field/region.
2. If you know the foreign mentor, please describe your relationship. (Colleague? Research partner? Other?) Whether or not you know the foreign mentor, are you willing to communicate with that individual as necessary in order to help facilitate the student's research and/or cultural preparation?

**Note:** *If you hope to mentor more than two student projects this summer (REAP, SURF, IROP, and/or summer Undergraduate Research Awards combined), please see the note on p. 1 of the SURF Abroad Faculty Mentor Memo, available online: <http://www.unh.edu/undergrad-research/summer-undergraduate-research-fellowships-surf>*