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| **APPLICANT SECTION**Thank you for applying to our programs! A complete application will require one recommendation form uploaded to your online application. The programs prefer recommendations from an instructor familiar with your work in the field which you expect to study/research. Review the [Application Elements](https://www.csulb.edu/building-infrastructure-leading-to-diversity/application-elements) webpage for application details.**Instructions**: Please complete: 1) the top applicant section portion of this form, 2) email this form to your recommender to fill out and upload, 3) enter your recommender’s email in the online application form in InfoReady. By entering your recommender’s email, this will activate InfoReady to email them a unique link to complete your reference letter section of your online application.**The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 entitles students to have access to letters of evaluation at CSULB. If you waive this right of access, the letters of evaluation will be considered confidential and will not be available to you (if you do not sign, your access to the letter will be waived).** If you select to *not waive* your right, please contact us at jointapp@csulb.edu to request your copy. |
| **APPLICANT NAME:** |  |
| **CSULB ID:** |  |
| **FERPA DECISION:** (select one) | [ ]  **I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.**[ ]  **I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.** |
| **SIGNATURE:**(typed/electronic ok) |  | **DATE:** |  |

**RECOMMENDER SECTION**

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference for the applicant applying to a CSULB Undergraduate Research Training Program.

**Instructions:** These training programs are designed to prepare students to enter research focused graduate programs with the goal of pursuing a health-related research career. Please respond to the questions with these goals in mind. You may also address these questions in a separate letter. \*If providing a separate letter, skip to number 8 and submit your evaluation rating on the applicant.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**: this form is to be uploaded by you, the recommender. As part of the online application (through InfoReady), the student will enter your email in the Recommendation section. This will activate the platform to email you a unique link to submit your reference. Please upload this completed document (and optional letter) to complete the applicant’s Recommendation portion of their application. The platform requires that all pages be combined into one document for uploading. You do not need to have an account with InfoReady, you will just click the link to upload.

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| **RECOMMENDER NAME:** |  |
| **TITLE:** |  |
| **INSTITUTION/AFFILIATION:** |  |
| **EMAIL:**  |  |

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| 1. **How long and in what capacity have you known this student?**
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| 1. **In your view, what qualities of this student make them a good candidate for a Ph.D. program or a research career?**
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| 1. **What are the student’s principal areas of strengths?**
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| 1. **What are the student’s principal areas needing growth?**
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| 1. **If you are a CSULB Faculty researcher, would you be willing to supervise this student in your research program/lab? If not, please explain.**
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| 1. **What is your overall evaluation of this student’s potential for development into a successful researcher in their chosen field? Please articulate on their lived experience, resilience, and/or how their unique perspective can contribute to the research workforce?**
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| 1. **If you are considering serving as the research mentor to the student (once in a program) but have not directly supervised the student in research before, please describe your plan (if any) for involving them in research prior to Summer.**
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| 1. Please evaluate the student listed in the following areas:
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|  | **OUTSTANDING****(HIGHEST 5%)** | **VERY GOOD****(HIGHEST 25%)** | **AVERAGE****(UPPER 50%)** | **BELOW AVERAGE****(LOWEST 25%)** | **EXTREMELY LOW (LOWEST 5%)** | **NO****BASIS TO EVALUATE** |
| INTELLECTUAL INDEPENDENCE | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| ANALYTICAL ABILITY | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| QUANTITATIVE ABILITY | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| RESEARCH ABILITY | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| ACADEMIC POTENTIAL | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| ABILITY TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| IMAGINATION/ CREATIVITY | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| WRITTEN COMMUNICATION | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| ORAL COMMUNICATION | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| INTERPERSONAL SKILLS | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| EMOTIONAL MATURITY | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| MOTIVATION FOR A RESEARCH CAREER | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| DETERMINATION | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
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| **RECOMMENDER’S SIGNATURE\*:** |  | **DATE:** |  |

*\*Typed/electronic signature is accepted.*

**The Joint BUILD & U-RISE Application due date is March 2, 2025.**

**However, recommenders have until March 9 to upload this recommendation form (and optional letter of recommendation).**

**If you have not received your link to upload this recommendation form, please reach out to the applicant or reach out to the research programs at** **jointapp@csulb.edu** **and we can assist you.**