

Confidential Reference

SDSU/UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center Partnership Scholars Program

TO THE APPLICANT: For each of two required references, please request a current or former instructor within your major, or supervisor who is in a position to evaluate your potential for biomedical research to complete this form. Please follow-up with your referees to ensure they have submitted your reference. Also, please follow up with Daniel Barlam, Partnership Scholars Program Coordinator at: dbarlam-sw@sdsu.edu to ensure receipt of your letters of reference. Please enter the following information before submitting the form for completion. If your evaluator will submit a letter, please have him/her address it to the “Partnership Scholars Selection Committee.”

STUDENT APPLICANT NAME:	
MAJOR:	
NAME OF RECOMMENDER WHO WILL COMPLETE THIS FORM:	
RECOMMENDER’S E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
RECOMMENDER’S PHONE NUMBER:	

By checking this box, the student waives their right to access this confidential letter of recommendation.

TO THE EVALUATOR: Your responses to the questions on this form will assist the Partnership Scholars Program Selection Committee to evaluate the ability of the applicant to succeed in an immersive full-time summer research experience in a professional atmosphere. If you prefer to provide your comments in a letter, please feel free to do so. This form and/or the reference letter may be emailed as an attachment to Daniel Barlam, Partnership Scholars Program Coordinator at: dbarlam-sw@sdsu.edu or, if preferred, it may be mailed to the address given below.

A. Please rank the applicant with regard to other students (or employees, volunteers, etc.) at the same educational/experience level.

With respect to:	Outstanding Highest 10%	Excellent Next 15%	Very Good Next 25%	Average/Below Average Lowest 50%	No Basis for Judging
Originality and innovation					
Academic knowledge					
Intellectual ability					
Motivation					
Oral communication					
Written communication					
Independence and initiative					
Ability to work with peers					
Ability to accept supervision/critique					
Maturity					
Organizational skills					
Leadership skills					
Ability to meet deadlines					

B. Please craft a statement about the student that addresses the questions below. Specific details and/or examples of the applicant’s skills that demonstrate the potential to become a future researcher in cancer health disparities and other informative evidence about the individual are particularly helpful.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? How well do you think he or she will do as an undergraduate student carrying on advanced study, particularly in regard to scientific or behavioral cancer-related research? What are the student’s strongest points and weakest points? Do you know of any special considerations that should be taken into account in planning for the student’s research activities?

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____

School _____

Address _____

Evaluations should be emailed as an attachment to dbarlam-sw@dsu.edu or may be sent to:

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