Recommendation Form
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professors Program
NIH Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program

Instructions to the Applicant:
Fill in your name, indicate the program(s) to which you are applying and whether you waive your right to access this reference, and sign/date this form. Give this form to an individual who can attest to your academic excellence, potential for academic success in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) undergraduate program, and promise for success in a STEM graduate program (if applying to the HHMI Professors Program). At least one recommendation must be from a laboratory instructor.

This rest of this form should be completed by the recommender and attached to a separate letter of recommendation on official letterhead.

Applicant: Print your Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial below, then select the program(s) you are applying for.

☐ LSU-HHMI Professors Program  ☐ LSU Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation. Should you decide not to waive the right, you will have access to the recommendation if you enroll in the LSU Office of Strategic Initiatives Program(s) listed above. Please check the appropriate box and sign below. Failing to check the appropriate box will automatically waive your access to view this recommendation.

☐ I hereby waive my right of access to this reference.  ☐ I hereby do not waive my right of access to this reference.

Signature  Date  Signature  Date

Instructions to Recommender:
We appreciate your willingness to serve as a reference for this student applying to the LSU-HHMI Professors Program (funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute) and/or the LSU Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program (funded by the National Institutes of Health), as indicated above. These programs are seeking extraordinary students who will be able to successfully fulfill the requirements of the program(s) while coping with the demands of mentoring and research.
Please attach both pages of this form to a separate letter of recommendation on official letterhead detailing the candidate’s qualifications; sign across the seal of the envelope containing the documents; and either submit the envelope to the applicant for delivery or mail it directly to the LSU Office of Strategic Initiatives (address below). Alternatively, you may email scanned/PDF copies of the completed form and recommendation letter to osi@lsu.edu with “[ Applicant name] Recommendation” in the subject line.

Please Print the Information Requested Below

__________________________________________________________
PRINT YOUR NAME                                              POSITION OR TITLE

__________________________________________________________
RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT                                     DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

__________________________________________________________
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS APPLICANT?                      YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

__________________________________________________________
MAILING ADDRESS                                              CITY                                             STATE/ZIP

__________________________________________________________
YOUR SIGNATURE                                               DATE

This recommendation form and the accompanying letter must be received by February 13, 2015

Please compose a separate letter of recommendation printed on university, high school, or agency letterhead that addresses one or more of the following topics:

• The applicant’s strengths and weaknesses in terms of knowledge, attitude, skills, and character
• The applicant’s potential as a successful mentor, researcher, and leader
• The applicant’s commitment to diversity, collaboration, and service
• Why you believe the applicant will find academic success as an undergraduate and (if they are applying for the HHMI Professors Program) later in a PhD or MD/PhD program in a STEM discipline.

We are unable to consider recommendations that do not include both this form and a separate letter on official letterhead. Incomplete or late recommendations will jeopardize consideration of the application.

Thank you for taking the time to provide this recommendation, which will provide valuable insight for our selection process.