

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

## Howard Hughes Precollege Program in the Biological Sciences

To be completed by the student's current science teacher

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Teacher:** The student named above is applying for the Howard Hughes Precollege Program in the Biological Sciences. This program provides a 7-week laboratory research experience to a select group of 15 rising juniors or seniors which is targeted, but not *limited*, to women and members of minority groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences (African Americans, Hispanic/Latino-a Americans, Native Americans, and Native Pacific Islanders). ***Please complete this recommendation form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope. The student's complete application packet must be postmarked by March 12, 2010.***

1. In which course(s) do you teach the student? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How well do you know the applicant?

3. What is the student's standing in your course? (please check one)

Outstanding (top 5%)

Average (at or above the mean)

Very good (upper 15%)

Below average (below the mean)

Good (upper 25%)

4. Do you wish to comment further on the nominee's performance?

5. The main component of the Precollege Program is a mentorship in a research laboratory on campus. Please comment on this student's ability to work both independently and as part of a group.

6. What is your impression of this student's interest level in science? On what do you base your impression?

(OVER)

7. Please place check marks in the boxes that represent your evaluation of the nominee.

	Below Average	Average	Excellent	Outstanding (top 5% this year)	One of the top few I have encountered in my career	No basis for judgment
Energy and initiative						
Ability to work independently						
Fulfills goals						
Works to capacity						
Oral expression						
Written expression						
Originality						
Social maturity						
Concern for others						
Self-confidence						
Dependability						
Classroom participation						
Disciplined work habits						

8. **In an attached letter** please provide additional, more detailed, comments that will help us to assess this student. Areas that might be addressed include:

- a. the benefits you feel the student would receive from this program and what he or she might contribute;
- b. personal qualities of the nominee that might particularly recommend him or her for this program;
- c. any awards, special activities, and projects that indicate talent and potential in the sciences; and
- d. any necessary explanation, if the student's academic record does not seem to accurately reflect his or her abilities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

***If your student is selected to participate, we would like to invite you to attend our concluding poster session and luncheon on July 30, 2010. Please provide us with your home address if you would like to receive an invitation:***

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_