



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING IN BIOBEHAVIORAL HEALTH

for underrepresented U.S. minority undergraduate and graduate students

Sponsored by the Dept. of Biobehavioral Health, College of Health & Human Development, Penn State

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

DUE DATE: NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 01, 2008!

DEAR FACULTY MEMBER: The Pennsylvania State University has received a Minority Health & Health Disparities International Research and Training (MHIRT) grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to support the research training of nine undergraduate and three graduate students each summer at sites in Paris, France, in Geneva, Switzerland, and in Cape Town, South Africa. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to enter graduate school and to pursue research careers in public health and biobehavioral health. The student listed below is applying for this program. Please give us your candid evaluation of the student. Thank you for your time! Mail or fax the completed form directly to us; do not return the completed form to the student. We would like to receive the completed form as soon as possible, but no later than **DECEMBER 01, 2008**.

Applicant's name:

Faculty member's name and title:

Department and institution:

Address:

City, State, ZIP code:

Telephone number and e-mail address:

1. How long have you known this student?
2. How well acquainted are you with this student?
3. How well acquainted are you with the quality of his/her work?
4. If applicable, describe the circumstances under which you have served as this student's research mentor:

5. In the following areas, please compare the student to similar students you have known:

	unknown	lower 50%	upper 50%	upper 25%	upper 5%
academic performance					
interest in research					
creativity					
perseverance					
maturity					
adaptability to novel situations					
research skills					
ability to take the initiative					

6. In the space below (or on an attached page) please elaborate on how you feel this applicant is prepared for and suited for a three-month research traineeship in another country and for graduate school and a public health research career. Are you aware of any special circumstances (financial, social or otherwise) which should be considered?

Your signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail or fax completed form to:

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We must receive this form by *DECEMBER 01, 2008!*