



Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for your student for the 2022 Buck Institute Postbaccalaureate Research Program. This gap-year program will give successful candidates the opportunity to gain insights into critical molecular and biological drivers of aging as well as translation of those discoveries into new therapies which will improve healthspan.

We would appreciate any insight you can provide regarding your student's ability to successfully complete his or her own research project under the tutelage of a mentor. In particular, please comment on your own experiences conducting research with the applicant. Some of the topics we'd find most useful are experimental planning and data analysis abilities, bench or computational skills you feel the student has mastered, ability to troubleshoot problems, enthusiasm, and work ethic.

There are no formatting requirements for the letter itself. Feel free to use your own university form if you prefer, but simple paragraph format is fine. Please submit a signed letter as an attachment. To aid us in assembling documents for each candidate's application, please adhere to the following naming conventions for the subject line of your email.

Email Subject Line

The subject line of your email should be "*student surname first name letter from your name*" For instance, the subject line for a letter for Janey Powell from Professor John Frink would be: *Janey Powell letter from John Frink*

Please email your letter of recommendation to studentrecs@buckinstitute.org by noon PST on Monday February 21, 2022 (12 pm PST 2/21/22). Your letter may be sent by another university representative, if necessary, but a letter sent by the student will be disregarded.

Again, thank you in advance for your contribution to this student's application. If you would like to learn more about the Buck Institute, please visit our website at www.buckinstitute.org.

Best regards,

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