



Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for your student for one of the Buck Institute's 2025 postbaccalaureate programs. The Postbaccalaureate Research and Support and Preparation for an Alzheimer's Research Career (SPARC) Programs give successful candidates the opportunity to gain insights into critical molecular and biological drivers of aging and Alzheimer's as well as translation of those discoveries into new therapies.

We would appreciate any insight you can provide regarding your student's ability to successfully complete their 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 would 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.

**Please email your letter of recommendation to [studentrecs@buckinstitute.org](mailto:studentrecs@buckinstitute.org) by noon PST on Friday February 21, 2025 (12 pm PST 2/21/25). 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](http://www.buckinstitute.org).

Best regards,

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