Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for one of the SRF Education Programs. Our programs give successful candidates the opportunity to conduct biomedical research to combat diseases of aging, such as cancer, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's Disease. Our programs also contain writing exercises will help hone their scientific communication skills for applications and interviews.

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

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. A signed letter as an attachment is preferred but not required. To aid us in assembling documents for each candidate's application package, 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 "*Program- student surname, first name* letter from *your name*" For instance, the subject line for a postbaccalaureate fellowship application from Jane Smith from Dr. Richard Sanchez would be: *Postbaccalaureate- Smith, Jane letter from Richard Sanchez*

Please email your letter of recommendation to recommendations@lifespan.io. Your letter may be sent by another university representative if necessary, but a letter sent by the student will be disregarded. Applications and associated letters of recommendation are due:

Program	Date
Summer Scholars	January 10th
Postbaccalaureate Fellowship	January 10th
Graduate Internship	August 31st
Master's Program	Fall admission: June 1st Spring Admission: November 1st
PhD program	Fall admission: June 1st Spring Admission: November 1st

your student's application will not be considered until all cited letters of recommendation are received.

Again, thank you in advance for your contribution to this student's application. If you would like to learn more about SENS Research Foundation, please visit our website at www.sens.org. Researchers studying age-related diseases may also be interested in submitting a grant proposal at https://www.sens.org/our-research/submit-a-grant-proposal.

Best regards,

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