

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Undergraduate Institute in Physics (UnIPhy-REU)

Letter of Recommendation

Deadline: March 14, 2011

TO THE RECOMMENDER

The Undergraduate Institute in Physics (UnIPhy) is a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) site that provides undergraduate science majors the opportunity to conduct research in the fields of particle, nuclear, medical, and optical physics. Participants work with a faculty mentor either on the campus of Hampton University or at nearby Jefferson National Accelerator Facility. Exceptionally qualified students may also be selected to spend all or part of the summer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology conducting research on the Electron Ion Collider.

We ask your assistance in determining which students are best suited to participate in UnIPhy-REU. Your opinions of the applicant will be an important part of the selection process, so please give careful consideration to your responses. Complete this form and email it to apps@uniphyreu.org. If you are unable to digitally sign the form, please be sure to provide an email address that can easily be found through public sources (i.e., your department's website) to aid in our verification process. You should receive confirmation of receipt by email within 48 hours of submission. Complete forms may also be mailed or faxed to:

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Hampton, VA, 23668

Phone: 757-728-6908
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Applicant Name: _____ **How long have you known the applicant?** _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Title: _____ **Department:** _____

Business _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Date:** _____

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics, marking only one box in each row. If you do not feel you know the applicant well enough to judge a particular characteristic, please mark in the N/A column.

| Characteristic | Outstanding | Above Average | Average | Below Average | N/A |
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| Willingness to work hard | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to work independently | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clarity of oral expression | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clarity of written expression | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Knowledge of physics | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self motivation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dependability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your ability.

What is your overall evaluation of this student's academic achievement and motivation?

Which aspect of this student (personal, academic, or other) do you feel will have the greatest influence on his or her success in UniPhy?

What do you feel is this student's greatest weakness?

Please elaborate on why you recommend the student to participate in UniPhy.