

MARY GATES RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP
Information for Research Mentors

Student Instructions: Please provide a copy of this form to each research mentor who will write a letter supporting your application. At least one of your letter writers (the Primary Mentor) must be a UW faculty member. Teaching Assistants or Instructors who are graduate students may not be designated as the Primary Mentor.

Student's name: _____

Mentor's name: _____

Mentor's email address: _____

Dear Mentor,

This student is applying for a Mary Gates Research Scholarship and has identified you as a research mentor and letter writer.

Mary Gates Research Scholarships enhance the educational experiences of students across campus who are engaged in research with faculty. Research scholarships are investments in students – encouraging them to understand the research process and develop valuable critical thinking and analytical skills while researching a theme that intrigues them. We seek applicants who are imaginative and passionate about their endeavors, and who can envision and articulate how they will stretch, grow, and contribute through this opportunity.

Each applicant for a Mary Gates Research Scholarship must identify a faculty mentor who will provide guidance to the student during the award period. Any University of Washington faculty member may serve as a mentor. In circumstances where students work frequently with a non-faculty member, it is often appropriate for the student to have this person serve as an additional mentor. This person may write a supplementary letter and submit it online. While serving as a mentor requires an investment of your time, the wisdom, insight, and enthusiasm you contribute is invaluable to this student's success and learning. To learn more about Mary Gates Research Scholarships or the mentoring relationship, please visit our website: <http://expd.washington.edu/mge/apply/research/index.htm>.

Letter prompt:

Please write a letter of support which describes:

1. the research project,
2. the ways in which this student contributes to the research,
3. how this student's education is enhanced by participation in this project,
4. the plan for mentoring the student, and
5. anything else you would like us to know about this student's strengths, talents, potential and/or areas for improvement.

Please provide examples to illustrate your assessment and recommendation of the student.

This student will submit an application. Once the student submits the application, you will receive an email message with instructions to login to our online system and upload your letter of support. Please confirm that the email address above is correct. If not, please notify your student who should update your contact information on their application. **The deadline to submit the letter will be on our website.**

A letter of support from the student's faculty mentor is a required component for an application and must be received by the deadline using our online system. If you are unable to use the online form or have questions regarding the scholarships or the review process, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

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