



**WSSU NIGMS-RISE  
FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a position in the National Institute of General Medical Sciences-Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (NIGMS-RISE) Program at Winston-Salem State University, and has listed you as a reference. The RISE Program involves rigorous undergraduate academic and research training as preparation for graduate work leading to a Ph.D. Please return the completed form to the candidate in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal. The candidate will include your sealed letter with the application packet. If you prefer, you may send the letter directly to: WSSU NIGMS-RISE Program, 115 South Chestnut Street, Room 270, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

I. In the table below, give us your assessment of the applicant's achievements and potential by checking the appropriate box for each category

|                                   | <b>Outstanding<br/>(top 5%)</b> | <b>Excellent<br/>(top 10%)</b> | <b>Good<br/>(top 20%)</b> | <b>Average<br/>(top 50%)</b> | <b>Below Average</b> | <b>No Opportunity<br/>To observe</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Motivation for a research career  |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Academic preparation              |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Analytical Skills                 |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Probable creativity               |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Potential for laboratory research |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Perseverance to attain goals      |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Willingness to work hard          |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Intellectual maturity             |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |
| Ability to work with others       |                                 |                                |                           |                              |                      |                                      |

II. In the space provided below (or on a separate page) please comment on the student's potential for success in a research career in the biomedical /behavioral sciences.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Address \_\_\_\_\_

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