

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR SENIOR THESIS FUNDING

BRANDEIS FACULTY THESIS ADVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

_____ is applying for senior thesis funding. As the student's thesis advisor, you are ideally positioned to comment on the candidate and his/her project. Funds are limited and awards are likely to be under \$100 each. Selections will be made based on excellence and originality in conception and/or execution of the project. For students doing research in grant-supported programs, it is important that the requested support cover only those expenses which cannot be covered by grant funds.

In choosing awardees, the Selection Committee will give the most weight to the candidate's abstract, signed by you, and to your recommendation. When presented with equally excellent thesis proposals and recommendations, the committee may examine the candidates' grades to determine grant recipients.

Please respond briefly to the following questions, in letter format and on university letterhead. Your recommendation should be **returned to the applicant** in a *signed and sealed envelope*, marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to Elaine Wong, Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Bernstein-Marcus 73-12, MS 120. Please reference the student's name on the outside of the envelope. The student will submit your recommendation as part of the application package.

1. Please evaluate the proposed project and assess the student's ability to successfully complete it. Please comment on the student's independence in initiating the project.
2. In your opinion, are the student's expenses realistic?
3. How does this student compare to other undergraduates whom you have supervised on research projects or theses?
4. Answer only if applicable: If you have funds for research, to what extent will your funds be devoted specifically to this student's project? Have you already provided the student with funding?

Please remember that in addition to completing a letter of recommendation, you are also asked to sign the student's thesis proposal abstract.

Thank you.