

Wharton Research Scholars Program

Candidate Recommendation Form

The Wharton Research Scholars Program is designed for Wharton upperclassmen with a strong interest in, and potential for, academic research. Research Scholars will conduct an in-depth research investigation and join a close-knit community of students with similar dedication to academic research. Ideal candidates show passion for learning, potential for conducting research, and strong critical thinking ability. We are primarily interested in your perception of the candidate's strength in these areas and his or her suitability for the program. *Please be sure to sign the form below, and return it to the student in a signed, sealed envelope by **Monday, April 20, 2009** the application deadline.*

Candidate Information

Name _____ Email Address _____

Evaluator Information

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

Background Information

How long have you know this student and in what context? _____

Please check a ranking for each of the eight qualities:

Research Potential and Critical Thinking Ability

<i>Insufficient basis for evaluation</i>		<i>Below average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent (top 10%)</i>	<i>Exceptional (top 2%)</i>
	Creativity, original thought					
	Intellectual ability					
	Academic discipline					
	Independence and initiative					
	Motivation and determination					

Communication Abilities

<i>Insufficient basis for evaluation</i>		<i>Below average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent (top 10%)</i>	<i>Exceptional (top 2%)</i>
	Written expression of ideas					
	Effective class participation					
	Verbal communication abilities					

Qualitative Assessment

How has this student demonstrated a potential for conducting research and strong critical thinking skills? _____

What do you feel this student could offer to the community of student scholars if he or she were to participate in the program? _____

Supplemental Information

Do you have any comments you would like to add about this student that would help us to differentiate this student from others? _____
