



Dear Recommender,

Thank you for agreeing to support an applicant to the UP on EHS program at the University of Chicago. UP on EHS is an environmental health research training program for college students interested in careers in the environmental health sciences (EHS). For two consecutive summers, trainees work full time in the laboratories of established EHS researchers, including Chicago Center for Health and the Environment (CACHET) members, at the University of Chicago or the University of Illinois at Chicago. Rigorous research training is complemented with an EHS-based summer lecture series, year-round career development and skill-building workshops, CACHET seminars and workshops, and a network of faculty mentors dedicated to trainees' success. The program culminates in a research symposium to showcase trainees' work across air, soil, and water pollution, climate change, biomarkers of exposure, molecular processes of toxicity, environmental justice, community environmental health, community engagement, and other human health aspects of environmental exposure.

Admission to UP on EHS is highly competitive: five new participants are selected each year. Successful applicants demonstrate a passion for science and an interest in careers in the environmental health sciences, a strong academic record, and the maturity and drive to perform in a professional research setting. Please tell us why your applicant is right for UP on EHS by completing the online recommendation form at: https://is.gd/up_on_ehs_recommendation

Be prepared to provide your name and contact information, a description of your relationship to the applicant (i.e., your qualifications as a recommender) and to answer the following:

- What qualities have you observed in the applicant that suggest they are prepared to meet the demands of a professional research environment?
- How would you describe the applicant's academic performance and preparation for a program of this kind?
- What do you feel the applicant has most to gain from a program of this kind?
- What else is important for us to know about the applicant?

For questions about UP on EHS and the program application process, please contact program coordinator Hannah Snyder at snyderh@health.bsd.uchicago.edu or (773) 834-6758.

To learn more about the program, please visit: <https://ipph.uchicago.edu/up-on-ehs/>