CRASSH: Information for Faculty Research Mentors

Student Instructions: Students are encouraged to provide a copy of this document to Primary Research Mentors who will write a recommendation letter supporting their CRASSH application. The letter of recommendation must come from a UChicago faculty member of any rank, including lecturer or senior-lecturer. Note: All applicants are asked to share their application research proposals with their primary research mentors.

Dear Faculty Research Mentor,

A College student applying for a CRASSH Research Scholars Program grant has identified you as a Primary Research Mentor and letter writer. The CRASSH Research Scholars Program supports undergraduates who are engaging in faculty-directed research in the arts, social sciences, and humanities. To learn more about the CRASSH program and funding, please visit the CCRF website at: ccrf.uchicago.edu/undergraduate-research/crassh-research-scholars.

Each applicant for a CRASSH research award must identify a UChicago faculty mentor who will provide guidance to the student during the award period. While serving as a mentor requires your time, it is an important role that students greatly value and benefit from as they engage more deeply in their disciplines and grow as scholars. The College thanks you for your contributions to undergraduate education by providing meaningful mentored undergraduate research experiences.

The student applicant will submit an online CRASSH application and list you as the Primary Research Mentor. You will then receive an email inviting you to login to the application system to upload your letter of support. The instructions and deadline to submit your letter will be provided in the email invite.

Recommendation Letter prompt

Please write a letter of support that describes:

- the research project and the student’s planned contributions to the research;
- how this student’s education/academic goals may be enhanced through their research experience;
- the mentoring plan for the student; and
- anything else to share about the student’s talents, potential, or areas for growth.

The Letter of Recommendation is a required component of the student’s CRASSH application. Please note that the applicant will not have access to review your letter. Contact the CCRF at ccrf@uchicago.edu or Tracy Nyerges, Assistant Director of Research at 773.834.4964 if you have any further questions or concerns. Thank you.