

**Mathematical & Theoretical Biology Institute / Institute for Strengthening the Understanding  
of Mathematics and Science  
Arizona State University**

**FACULTY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

(Please type or print neatly)

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

I waive ( ) I do not waive ( ) my right of access to this recommendation form under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C.A par 1232g(a)(1). I understand that this form will be used by the Institute solely in its procedures relating to acceptance.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Faculty Member:

The applicant is applying to the MTBI / SUMS research program held at Arizona State University. This is an eight-week intensive summer program in mathematical biology organized by Prof. Carlos Castillo-Chavez, Director of the Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute / Institute for Strengthening the Understanding of Mathematics and Science. The objectives of MTBI / SUMS summer program are to encourage and facilitate access to and successful completion of graduate studies in the mathematical sciences. The training program includes seminars in mathematical biology and a series of research projects .

Your candid assessment of the applicant's mathematical ability and potential would be greatly appreciated. The selection committee is particularly interested in the following: 1. the applicant's performance in your class(as); 2. your assessment of the applicant's mathematical talent; 3. your assessment of the applicant's potential to earn a graduate degree in mathematics or other science.

May we submit your recommendation as part of the student application to the poster session in the SACNAS and/or the AMS / MAA conferences?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, this recommendation may be used as part of the student's application to the SACNAS and/or the AMS / MAA conferences.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I would not like that this recommendation be used as part of the student's application to the SACNAS and/or the AMS / MAA conferences.

This form and your attached letter must be **postmarked by March 1, 2008**. You may submit it along with the student's application package or mail it to the following address:

MTBI / SUMS (Reference Form Enclosed)  
c/o Carlos Castillo-Chavez  
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