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Information for ODASIS Letter of Recommendation Request

ODASIS Program Information

The Office for Diversity and Academic Success in the Sciences (ODASIS) is an academic support unit within the Division of Life Sciences at Rutgers. The goal of ODASIS is to increase the recruitment and academic success of underrepresented students, as well as educationally and economically disadvantaged students, who are interested in pursuing careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Our students past successes have been notable: in 2013 alone, 41 ODASIS alumni graduated from medical, dental, podiatric, osteopathic, Ph.D., M.P.H., graduate biomedical science, and B.A./M.D. programs.

Reasons for Letter Request

Your recommendation will support your student's application for summer programs or to the Access Med Phase program. ODASIS students apply to and participate in a wide variety of summer programs that offer both biomedical and clinical research. This letter will be confidential in the same way that letters sent to the Health Professions Office (HPO). Once you have emailed or mailed the letter, it will securely come straight to Dr. Kamal Khan, Director of ODASIS. The reason we ask that you send your recommendation directly to ODASIS is that the HPO does not coordinate applications for summer programs: we at ODASIS prepare the endorsements for students for these programs.

Guidelines for Letter

We ask that your recommendation emphasize the student's maturity and preparedness for this program, as well as evaluate their character, academic ability and performance, and general strengths and weaknesses. It is helpful for us if your recommendation is general rather than program specific, which will then allow us to research specific programs that best match the individual student's interests, skills, and experience.

Again, we appreciate your support of Rutgers students and your recommendation of this student for our programs. If you have any questions about the program, your letter of recommendation, or ODASIS, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Khan at (732) 445-6878 or via e-mail at khan@biology.rutgers.edu.