**2024-2025 Guatemala Geohazards International Research Experiences for Students**

**Recommendation Letter Form**

A student applicant to the Guatemala GeoHazards International Research Experiences for Students (IRES) program has listed you as a reference. Admission to this program is competitive, and we depend on the advice of referees to select the most deserving students. Please feel free to either complete the form below or write us a letter on your own letterhead. If you use this form, please sign on the indicated line. Application deadline is September 20, 2024. Thank you.

***Before submitting this recommendation, please rename this file as StudentLast Name\_YourLastName***

Student's name:

Referee's name:

Referee's title and institution:

1. What contacts have you had with this student?
2. How would you rate this student in relation to others geology undergraduate students?

top 1% [ ]   top 5% [ ]  top 20% [ ]   top 50% [ ] other

1. What can you tell us about the student's academic abilities?
2. What qualifications does this student have that you think will allow him/her to successfully conduct field research and complete a Guatemala GeoHazards research project?
3. Generally, students are thought highly by the people who recommend them. To truly get a rounded picture of the student, we need to know of weaknesses, however minor. Please elaborate on any limitations you foresee the student experiencing conducting research in the field in hot, dry or cold, wet weather, working in the laboratory, socializing with his/her peers, and living in an unfamiliar city in a foreign country.
4. The Guatemala GeoHazatds project spends 3.5-weeks in Guatemala conducting field research in rough, rugged, humid conditions. Have you had an opportunity to assess the student's ability to operate outdoors, conduct field research, etc? Please describe.

1. Does the student have the maturity and motivation to do directed research in an unfamiliar environment?
2. Does the student relate well to his/her peers? Are the student's communication skills good?
3. Please add any other comments that might be helpful to us.
4. Students in the program must be not graduate before the end of Summer 2025. Will this student still be an undergraduate in Summer 2025? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help.

**Please return this form by SEPTEMBER 27 to:**

**Niemit@umkc.edu**