

2010 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Letter of Recommendation

Deadline: January 20, 2010 (postmarked by)

Please return to student for submittal of application.

Name of RBSI applicant: _____

Name of recommender: _____

Title: _____

Institutional affiliation: _____

Address:

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?

To the individual providing the recommendation:

The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) is an Intensive five week academic program hosted by Duke University for promising undergraduate minority students who plan to enter a Ph.D. program in political science. Students gain valuable experience interacting with other students and faculty with the goal of acquiring academic knowledge and scholarly training. In order to make this experience successful, we ask that you inform the selection committee about the candidate. Please write a letter that includes an assessment of the candidate's strengths and weaknesses. Your opinion will be used to determine acceptance of the candidate into the institute.

In your letter, specifically address the following (use examples):

Scholarship: Describe the candidate's aptitude for conducting research and theoretical inquiry, intellectual qualifications, interest in graduate school, and motivation to succeed in graduate school.

Academics: Describe the ability of the student to express himself/herself, capacity to work well with others, and academic achievement and promise.

Collegiality: Describe the candidate's maturity and character, ability to contribute positively to a learning environment, ability to express and convey ideas to other from a variety of backgrounds, ability to appreciate differing points of view, and suitability as a future role model.