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To Whom It May Concern:

An applicant to The University of Georgia Interdisciplinary Field Program (UGA IFP) has selected you as a reference. Our program consists of several introductory courses in geology, anthropology, and ecology conducted over an eight-week period in the field while traveling across the western United States. This program is academically rigorous and demanding both physically and mentally. Students are required to maintain a superior level of academic performance for the duration of the trip, while living and interacting in close quarters with other students and staff. In addition to long academic days, students are expected to participate in the maintenance of camp life by performing various cleaning and food preparation duties and other work assignments. Overall the program is very demanding, and it is critical that each student participates fully for it to function smoothly. The rewards of such participation are great.

Because of the nature and demands of this program, it is important for IFP staff to evaluate each applicant's capabilities. We greatly appreciate your input concerning this candidate. Please take a few moments to answer the questions below. Your response will, of course, remain confidential. Please try to complete this form as soon as possible. The application deadline is the end of February, but we accept students on a rolling basis once the application, including references, is complete.

After completing this form, please return it to us via email, fax, or snail mail using the contact information above.

Thank you very much for your assistance. For more information about the UGA IFP, please visit our website [www.ifp.uga.edu](http://www.ifp.uga.edu).

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul A. Schroeder  
Ms. Julia E. Cox

## UGA Interdisciplinary Field Program Reference Form

Student applicant's name:

Your name:

Your email address:

Your phone number:

Your relationship to the student:

1. How would you rate this student's intellectual abilities relative to his or her peers?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

2. How would you rate this student's academic and study skills relative to his or her peers?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

3. How would you rate this person's social skills and ability to work with peers?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

4. How would you rate this person's emotional maturity and self-reliance?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

5. How would you rate this student's work ethic?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

6. How would you rate this person's physical conditioning (i.e. how capable of long strenuous hikes, living outdoors, coping with difficult weather conditions, etc.)?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

7. How would you rate this student's honesty, responsibility, and sense of ethics?

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Unable to evaluate

Comments:

8. Please make any additional comments you feel are important.