

# MARC U\* STAR

*Minority Access to Research Careers*

## Pre-Trainee Program Application

### Faculty Letter of Recommendation Information Sheet

**NOTE TO THE APPLICANT:** You may give this form to the faculty member from whom you are seeking a letter of recommendation. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain a letter of recommendation. This sheet contains some basic program information and instructions to the faculty for submitting a letter on your behalf.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Recommending Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

#### About MARC U STAR

MARC U STAR is supported by a research grant from the National Institutes of Health. The MARC U STAR Program is open to qualified undergraduate students majoring in the sciences who express interest in a career in biomedical research and an intention to pursue graduate education leading to a Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D. or other combined professional degree/Ph.D. The purpose of the Program is to encourage under-represented minority students in the sciences to pursue graduate research and careers in the sciences.

The MARC Training Grant offers two programs: The *Summer MARC U STAR Pre-Trainee Program* (Freshmen and Sophomores) and the 2-year *MARC U STAR Training Program* (Juniors and Seniors). Both programs provide students with an opportunity to become acquainted with and conduct research, to interact with other trainees and to participate in activities that will enrich their research experience. The students will receive stipends, and be enrolled in special courses to prepare them for oral presentations and analysis of journal and scientific articles.

#### How to Submit a Recommendation

Faculty may choose to complete a traditional letter of recommendation on official letterhead and send it via campus mail or send a less formal e-mail. Recommendations may be addressed to Dr. Ernest Martinez, Program Director, but should be sent to the attention of Rebecca Brown, Administrative Director. Faculty is asked to submit the recommendation at their earliest convenience as this will facilitate the application screening process. **Please SUBMIT no later than Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Via E-mail

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**THANK YOU**

