American Research Institute of the South Caucasus
2021-22 Experience the South Caucasus Fellowship Program

Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheet

Your name: _______________________________________

Applicant’s name: _______________________________________

What is your relationship to the applicant? _______________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? _______________________________________

In an attempt at a more holistic admissions practice, we have identified a group of core competencies that we are seeking to connect to each of our applicants. Here is a list of competencies in no order of importance:

- Intellectual independence
- Concern for others
- Tenacity
- Resiliency
- Maturity
- Ability to contribute to their environment
- Personal academic achievements
- Intellectual curiosity
- Family/social support
- Critical thinking
- Openness to new experiences
- Emotional intelligence
- Self-regulated learning
- Time management
- Curiosity
- Enthusiasm
- Diligence
- Motivation

From this list, pick three competencies for which the applicant is “standout,” three where the applicant is “strong” and three where the applicant is “developing.”

Standout Competencies:
1) ___________________________ 2) ___________________________ 3) ___________________________

Strong Competencies:
1) ___________________________ 2) ___________________________ 3) ___________________________

Developing Competencies:
1) ___________________________ 2) ___________________________ 3) ___________________________

Additional Letter
We also request that you include a letter of recommendation of your choosing. We would find it helpful that you spoke to some of the competencies in your reflections of the applicant in your letter.

Deadline
This cover sheet and your letter of recommendation should be emailed directly from you to info@arisc.org by December 3, 2021.

Adapted from University of Central Florida’s College of Graduate Studies Letter of Recommendation questionnaire.