**Community Research Fellows Training Program**

**Reference Letter Instructions**

**To the applicant:** Please provide this template to people who can provide a recommendation on your behalf. A complete application must include **two** letters of recommendation (1-Professional, 1-Personal).

* **To the recommender:** Please return your completed letter, based on the template on the following page, to “**CRFT Review Panel c/o: Bianca Hawk 301 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203.** in a signed, sealed envelope.
* Please maintain the confidentiality of the process and do not allow the applicant to write or view the letter.
* In the template below, we’ve inserted seven bullets as guidelines for what to write about; if you are unable to comment or write about some of these items, you may omit them. Simply write about as many of them as you can comfortably address based on your knowledge of the applicant.
* Please provide examples to back up points that you make. For example, instead of saying “Applicant is a great student.”, say, “Applicant is one of the stronger students I’ve taught – on numerous occasions he/she went above and beyond what was required for class, learning three chapters on his/her own outside of the printed syllabus.” The more detailed and explicit your writing is, the stronger your recommendation for the applicant will be.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out– Bianca Hawk ( bhawk@uabmc.edu or 205-996-2432), is happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Your Name (the person writing the letter of recommendation) Date**

Your Address

Your Phone and Email

**Your Organization**

**Re: Reference letter for Applicant Name**

To: Community Advisory Board

c/o: UAB MHRC, Re: Community Fellow Recommendation Letter

**301 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203**

Dear Community Advisory Board Evaluation Committee,

In this recommendation letter, please comment on the applicant’s suitability for a research-oriented training program.

1. Please comment on the applicant’s abilities as a student.
2. Please comment on the applicant’s abilities as a self-starter/self-motivated individual.
3. Please comment on the applicant’s character, especially those attributes that evidence his or her ability to commit to helping others.
4. Please comment on the applicant’s interest in public/community health and in serving the underserved and vulnerable populations.
5. Please comment on the applicant’s network within Alabama; does the applicant have a strong reach within the community?
6. Please discuss the applicant’s desire to attend this training, and the applicant’s ability to see commitments through to the end. Do you think the applicant can commit to three hours of training for 16 weeks?
7. Please bring to the attention of the applicant review committee anything not previously addressed that would be relevant to our decision to accept this applicant for training.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Title of recommender