



Rainin Visionary Scientist Award

Instructions for Recommenders

How to Submit Your Letter

Thank you for agreeing to provide a letter of recommendation for a Rainin Visionary Scientist Award applicant. Please follow the steps below to submit your letter. Your letter must be submitted using GivingData, the Foundation's online grants management system, during the application period window, **April 13-June 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM Pacific.**

1. Use the recommendation letter submission link to access the form:
<https://krfoundation.givingdata.com/portal/campaign/VisionaryScientistAwardLetterUpload>
2. You will be directed to the submission portal. Create an account if you are a new user or sign in with your existing grantee portal account.
3. Complete the recommendation form. You will be prompted to enter your contact information, the applicant's full name and email address, and upload your letter.
4. Submit the form by June 1 at 5:00 PM Pacific. Letters submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Letters of recommendation are submitted directly to the Rainin Foundation and are treated as confidential. Applicants will not have access to the content of the letters.

Letter Guidelines

Your letter should address the following areas:

1. **Relationship to Applicant**
 - How long you have known the applicant and in what capacity
 - Your ability to evaluate their work and potential
2. **Scientific Contributions and Strengths**
 - Quality, rigor and originality of the applicant's research
 - Key accomplishments and contributions to the field
3. **Independence**
 - Evidence of the applicant's ability to develop independent ideas and research directions
 - Distinction between the applicant's work and that of their mentor
 - Readiness to lead an independent research program
4. **Future Potential**
 - Likelihood of success in obtaining a faculty position

- Potential to become a leader in biomedical research

5. **Relevance to IBD (if applicable)**

- The applicant's contributions or potential contributions to Inflammatory Bowel Disease research

6. **Overall Assessment**

- Your overall recommendation (e.g., outstanding, excellent, very good)
- How the applicant compares to peers at a similar career stage

Questions?

- If you have questions about the submission process or experience any technical difficulties, [submit a support ticket](#) to our Grants Management & Learning Team.
- For programmatic questions, please contact Jackie Hausman, Health Program Officer, at jackie.hausman@krfoundation.org.
- Please contact the applicant directly for details about their submission.