**Recommendation form for Integrative Agroecology Fellows Program applicants**

**Applicant’s name (Print):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The Integrative Agroecology Fellows program provides opportunities for Sophomores and Juniors to study the complex challenges of global food security and environmental change by focusing on sustainable intensification of agricultural systems. The Program will provide summer research experience augmented with seminars and career advice for the Fellows in an inclusive environment that supports academic success, promotes research skills and intellectual development. Students selected to become Agroecology Fellows will come from populations traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields and from institutions with limited student training opportunities in agricultural and natural resource management fields.

**Reference information**

**Name:**

**Affiliation:**

**How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**In what capacity have you known the applicant? Indicate all that apply**

1. **Course Instructor**
2. **Academic Advisor**
3. **Mentor/Guidance counselor**
4. **Other (Please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Instruction for reference**

The student named above is applying for the Integrative Agroecology Fellows program at Colorado State University. Please help us assess his/her motivation and potential to succeed in this program. Please print clearly or type.

**In comparison with other students you have known, please rank the applicant in the following areas**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Unable to Judge |
| Academic aptitude and performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Creativity and initiative |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication and interpersonal skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity and emotional stability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Punctuality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest in agriculture or natural resources |  |  |  |  |  |

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Describe the applicant’s strongest characteristic relating to potential for undergraduate research.

Describe areas of weakness that might limit the applicant’s suitability for this program.

Additional comments that will help us judge the merits of the applicant for participation in this program.