

Recommendation Letter Policy

Beginning in 2026, I will follow a more structured policy regarding recommendation letters. This change is intended to ensure that letters I provide are genuinely helpful and based on sufficient familiarity with the student's work.

As a general policy, I do not write recommendation letters for students, except under specific predefined conditions.

1. Eligibility

I am able to write recommendation letters only for students I directly supervise, including advisees and graduate students. For others, especially those I have only met through coursework, it is usually more beneficial to seek a professor who has worked with you more closely.

2. Limit on Requests

To keep the quality of each letter high, I can support up to five applications per eligible student. I encourage you to prioritize your choices and submit requests only for programs that align clearly with your goals.

3. Meaningful Academic Interaction Required

Even for eligible students, a letter can only be provided when I have had enough interaction to comment meaningfully on your abilities, progress, and potential. If this level of familiarity is not present, it is better to approach a faculty member who can represent you more accurately.

4. Advance Notice Required

All recommendation requests must be communicated well in advance. Last-minute requests cannot be accommodated, as preparing a meaningful letter requires adequate time and planning.

5. Agreed Writing Timeline

Once a request is accepted, we will confirm a specific timeline for preparing the letter. This ensures clarity for both parties and avoids scheduling conflicts or unmet expectations.

If you are considering applying to graduate programs or other opportunities,

I recommend contacting a professor who knows your work well at an early stage.

