FACULTY SPONSOR ENDORSEMENT FORM
AND LETTER OF SUPPORT

You have been asked to serve as the Faculty Mentor for a CON Undergraduate who is applying to the Davis Family Student Undergraduate Research Fund candidate. If awarded, the Davis Family Fund provides funding for the student to conduct independent research under your mentorship. These awards are granted to students with strong academic records who show potential to excel in scholarly research.

As part of your endorsement, you will be asked to write a letter of recommendation. In this letter, please address the following:

• How long you have known the student and in what capacity.

• With specific examples, provide your evaluation of the applicant’s academic, intellectual or artistic abilities with respect to the proposed project.

• Your commitment to serve as the faculty sponsor for this project.

• The nature of any special training or preparation the student has completed to allow execution of the project (may include relevant course work or independent study or consultation with you)

• Your role as advisor or collaborator in the project.

• Your critical assessment of the probability of successful completion of the work outlined in the student’s proposal.

• The nature of any other support you will make available for the project, e.g., archived data, statistical assistance, participation within research teams.

• In general terms where the project fits into your area of specialty or field of study.

Please Note: Your letter of endorsement must contain a declaration of your commitment to serve as Advisor and Mentor to the student and state your commitment to assist the student in completing a successful, active, independent scholarly project; this commitment is essential—and quite distinct from utilizing the student as a research assistant for your own scholarly research. It also assures the student will engage in a meaningful research experience with you as a collaborator.