The Oberlin College Research Fellowship (OCRF) seeks to increase the diversity of academic researchers by providing mentored research experiences to talented Oberlin students who are students of color, low-income students, and/or first-generation college students. OCRF aims to facilitate the intellectual and professional development of accepted students in order to prepare them to earn PhDs or other advanced degrees. Participation in OCRF will help to prepare students for careers in higher education or in professional fields such as law or medicine.

Applicant’s Information

Name: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Recommender’s Information

Name: __________________________ Department/Program: __________________________

Email: __________________________ Phone Ext: __________________________

Please provide your candid response for each question below using specific examples where appropriate.

1. How long have you known the student and in what capacity? Why are you well-suited to provide this recommendation?

2. Describe how the student has demonstrated promise for research or other advanced academic work in terms of their academic performance, understanding of the material in your course, work-ethic, academic curiosity, etc.?
3. Describe how the student has demonstrated the maturity needed to undertake a major research project? How have they demonstrated enthusiasm for their academic work? Based on your interactions with the student, do you think they would be committed to their research project?

4. Based on your interactions with the student, how would they contribute to an inclusive, supportive community and inspire other students in the program to reach their highest potential?

5. OCRF is intended to broaden the diversity of individuals engaging in academic research. The fellowship further aims to promote the intellectual and personal development of students through mentored research. To your knowledge, how does the student promote these goals? Does the student have current areas of weakness that could be strengthened through participation in OCRF?

6. Are there any other factors that the committee should consider when reviewing this application?