Background information:

Brandeis University has a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to fund the Howard Hughes Fellowship Program for undergraduate research in the biomedical sciences. The goals of this program are (i) to provide opportunities to learn science through research, (ii) to encourage women and minorities to participate in science and research, and (iii) to prepare undergraduate students for careers in biomedical research.

The Hughes Fellowship provides support for an independent research project in your laboratory for a 10-week period. Fellows are expected to work full-time on the research (they cannot attend summer school classes) and to attend weekly noon seminars. Fellows are expected to write an abstract and to present their work in a symposium at the end of the summer.

Sponsor's instructions

The Hughes Fellowships are intended for sophomores and juniors interested in biomedical science. Applicants must have worked in the current sponsor’s lab for at least one full semester.

The applicant has been asked to write a 2-3 page description of the intended research project in your laboratory, including background, aim/goals, and methods. You must sign this description.

In a separate letter of recommendation for this applicant, please (i) indicate how you know the applicant, (ii) provide an evaluation of his/her work and potential, and (iii) discuss your perceptions of the applicant's interest in or commitment to a career in science.

The applicant should have research experience in your laboratory: please discuss and evaluate it. Comparison of this applicant with other undergraduate students who have done or are doing research in your lab would be helpful.

Please return your letter of recommendation to the applicant in a signed and sealed envelope as soon as possible. It will be submitted by the applicant as part of the completed application package, which is due Feb. 26, 2003.