IMPAC Recommendation Form

Applicant: Please type or print. Complete this section and sign below. Give this form and an envelope to the person who will be recommending you. That person may mail it directly to the IMPAC Office or return it to you so that you may mail it to the IMPAC Office with your application materials.

Applicant’s Name: __________________________________________________
Applicant’s Email: ________________________________________________

Recommender’s Name: _____________________________________________
Recommender’s Email: _____________________________________________

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you can waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. Should you decide not to waive the right, you will have access to the recommendation only if you enroll in the Graduate School at Cornell University.

☐ I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation. __________________________________________ ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________

signature of applicant  date

COURSE SEQUENCE

Desired Course Sequence (select one)
☐ Introductory Chinese (1160)
☐ Intermediate Chinese (2201 and 2202; requires a placement interview; offered only if enrollment permits.

RECOMMENDER

Last name: ____________________________  First name: ____________________________
Institution: ____________________________  Title: ____________________________
Primary e-mail: ____________________________  Current telephone: ( ) _______ - _________

Please compare the applicant with one of the following (check one):
☐ Students from your institution  ☐ Employees  ☐ Other: ____________________________

Academic Performance
Top 2%  Top 5%  Top 10%  Top 25%  Top 50%  Bottom 50%

Intellectual Potential

Motivation for Language Study

Please type or print your letter, writing candidly about the applicant. Indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. Discuss the applicant’s qualifications and potential to carry on intensive study in a foreign language. In describing such attributes as motivation, intellect, and maturity, discuss both strong and weak points painting a clear picture of their likely language-learning skills, or at least the types of skills that make a good language learner: discipline, analytical ability, etc. Specific examples are more useful than generalizations.

Mailing the completed recommendation letter: Seal the recommendation letter and this completed form in an envelope and sign your name across the seal. Return the signed, sealed envelope to the applicant well before the deadline indicated (March 1st). If you do not want to return the recommendation to the applicant, you can send it directly to our office. The address is IMPAC, 388 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

This recommendation will remain confidential during the admission process and will be used by the IMPAC Program in its procedures relative to admission and fellowships. If the student has not waived the right of access to the recommendation, it will become accessible to the student only if he or she enrolls in our program.