IRACDA – Letter by current or past mentor

Letter request (current/past mentor) – 2 pages or less

Please evaluate this candidate and include:

- Why the candidate would benefit from the IRACDA program (program details below)
- Their research ability and potential to develop an independent career
- Perseverance in pursuing goals
- Creativity in approaching research questions
- Written and verbal communication abilities, including ability to organize scientific data
- Quality of research endeavors or publications to date, if applicable
- Adequacy of scientific and technical background
- Familiarity with research literature
- Need for further research experience and training
- How would you rank this candidate among your other past and present graduate students/postdocs in your lab?

About the program

This IRACDA program is a partnership between the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and California State University at Monterey Bay (CSUMB).

Postdocs will focus on

- **Biomedical Research** (75% time commitment) with a focus on Stem Cell Biology in the laboratory of a research mentor at UCSC, and on
- Teaching and Mentoring training and practice (25% time commitment), predominantly with a teaching mentor at CSUMB

The goal of this 4-year program is to prepare postdocs for a successful career in academia by providing trainees with rigorous research skills and with teaching and mentoring skills that promote inclusive learning environments. Please see the program website for more details (https://stemcell.soe.ucsc.edu/\>training\>IRACDA).

Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and quarterly meetings with UCSC and CSUMB mentors will contribute to purposeful planning of career development.

Thank you.

Please submit your letter to:
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