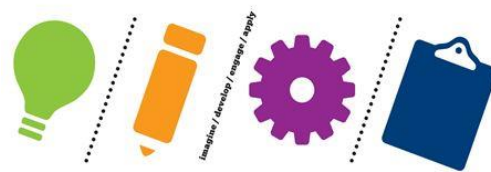


# UConn IDEA Grant

## Letters of Recommendation – Information for Recommenders

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UConn IDEA Grant applicants are required to supply two letters of recommendation as part of their application for funding. The first letter should be from a member of the UConn community – faculty member, advisor, instructor, or other professional staff member. The second letter may also be from a member of the UConn community or another university, a high school teacher or advisor, a current or former employer or supervisor, or a mentor in the wider community. Applicants also have the option of submitting a third letter of recommendation in support of their proposal.

### Information for Recommenders

Each recommender is asked to comment on:

- The length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity or circumstances
- Your knowledge and familiarity with the project proposed
- Your assessment of the applicant’s motivation, abilities, experience, and/or interests that make him or her well suited for this award and able to complete the project proposed
- Your assessment of how this award might benefit the applicant

Students will request letters via the online application system ([quest.uconn.edu](http://quest.uconn.edu)). Once initiated by the student, recommenders will receive an email from the UConn Quest Portal with instructions for submitting the recommendation. Please follow the link emailed to you in order to upload your letter of recommendation.

### Recommendations for Group Proposals

Applications for UConn IDEA Grant funding are accepted from individuals and small groups. Group applicants are each required to supply two letters of recommendation.

Recommenders who are writing letters in support of multiple applicants within the same group may write one letter of recommendation that specifically names and addresses the qualifications of each applicant, and submit that letter for each of the group members addressed in the letter. Alternately, recommenders may choose to write separate letters in support of the individual group members, addressing the unique qualifications that each individual brings to the group project.

### Submission Deadlines

Letters of recommendation should be received by the application deadlines below:

- Summer 2019 Funding: Monday, December 17, 2018
- 2019-20 Academic Year Funding: Monday, March 11, 2019

### Questions

For questions on the UConn IDEA Grant program, please contact IDEA Grant program coordinator Melissa Berkey at [Melissa.berkey@uconn.edu](mailto:Melissa.berkey@uconn.edu) or 860-486-5189. More information can also be found on the UConn IDEA Grant website - <http://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/IDEA>.