

Recommendation Form – 2008
Semester in Environmental Science (SES)
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA 02543

Deadline: Completed application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be received by the MBL on or before **March 25, 2008**.

Name of student applying (please print): _____

To the student: If you wish to waive the right to examine this evaluation at a later date, please sign below. If you do not sign, you will have access to this document after registration for the course. (The alternative chosen will not affect consideration of this application):

Signature of student applying: _____ Date: _____

To the evaluator: Please use this form to guide you in writing your letter of recommendation for the applicant. Keep in mind that the Semester in Environmental Science is a rigorous and challenging program intended to immerse students in both primary literature and hands-on field and laboratory research. Students should have successfully completed the following prerequisites or have the equivalent knowledge: one year of introductory biology, one year of introductory chemistry, and basic calculus. The success of students in this program will depend heavily on student initiative, ability to work cooperatively in groups and a willingness to see a project through to the end. Thank you for your time and effort in preparing this evaluation.

Evaluator's name and title: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Evaluator's signature: _____

Please rank the applicant relative to the general population of student peers by circling the appropriate percentile in each category below.

	<u>Percentile Ranking</u>					<u>Bottom</u>
	<u>Top</u>					
1. Maturity	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
2. Curiosity	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
3. Initiative & independence	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
4. Intellectual ability	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
5. Ability to work in a team	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
6. Creativity & imagination	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
7. Background preparation	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%
8. Laboratory and field skills	2%	5%	10%	20%	50%	Below 50%

Narrative Evaluation:

In the space provided below or on a separate sheet, please provide a brief description of the applicant's strengths and weakness, explain how you know the applicant and note any special circumstances or factors which we should take into consideration when evaluating him or her for entrance into the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL.

You may either return this form to the student in a sealed envelope or send it directly to:
Semester in Environmental Science, Marine Biological Laboratory, 7 MBL Street, C. V. Starr
116, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015.

If you have any questions about the Semester in Environmental Science at the MBL or this
evaluation call SES at (508)289-7777, e-mail SES@mbl.edu, or fax SES at (508)289-7507.