

Lowell Aptman Prize: Faculty Statement of Support for Student Application

Please give your letter of support to your student to submit with his/her application, or email a copy of your letter to **carson.holloway@duke.edu** by the [application deadline](#). You may also send a copy of your statement of support to **Carson Holloway at Box 90195; Duke University; Durham, NC; 27708**.

Faculty/Instructor name: _____

Department: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Title of paper: _____

Name of student: _____

Course number: _____

Course name: _____

Semester course was
taught: _____

Please respond to the questions below as part of your statement of support.

In your opinion, how did this student's use of library services, print and/or electronic collections, and other resources, contribute to an exceptional research paper?

Please comment on the content and quality of the paper, especially addressing the appropriate and thorough use of research materials. Did the student locate most of the key resources? Was the student creative and flexible in using the collections?

You may wish to consider the selection criteria for this award in your statement of support.

Submissions will be judged based on how well students demonstrate the following:

- sophistication, originality, or unusual depth or breadth in the use of library collections, including, but not limited to, printed resources, databases, primary sources, and materials in all media;
- exceptional ability to locate, select, evaluate, and synthesize library resources and then use them in the creation of a project in any media that shows originality and/or has the potential to lead to original research in the future; and

- significant personal learning and the development of a habit of research and inquiry that shows that student has acquired information literacy skills that will serve him/her well in the future.

In judging the prize, the primary focus will be on the evidence of the student's research strategy, process, and personal learning, which will be summarized in the student's 500-750-word essay. Consideration of the quality of the product of research, while significant, will be secondary. The expectations for achievement will be judged in relationship to the applicant's class year and the requirements of the discipline.

If this applicant wins the prize, I understand that my letter of support will become permanent property of the University Archives.

Faculty/instructor signature: _____

Date: _____

Email your statement to carson.holloway@duke.edu (preferred), or mail it to the following address:

Carson Holloway
Box 90195
Duke University
Durham, NC 27708

See the latest [Application Guidelines](#) for the deadline for receiving statement of support.