**University Libraries**

**Lance and Elena Calvert Award for Undergraduate Research**

**Instructor Letter of Support Cover Sheet**

**Instructor Name: Date:**

**Department:**

**Student name:**

Please indicate on signed attached page(s) your comments focusing on how this student’s work meets the award criteria (see below). The evaluation committee is interested in your testament to the originality and quality of the original work product, but, because of the nature of this award, particularly your evaluation of the level of research self-sufficiency demonstrated by this student in pursuing the project.

**In addition to your statement of the academic/intellectual quality of the research proper, will you please also address the following, relative to the submitted project?**

* sophistication, originality and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of library collections, including, but not limited to, printed resources, databases, primary resources, and materials in all media;
* exceptional ability to select, evaluate, and synthesize library resources and to marshal them in the creation of a project in any medium that shows originality and/or has the potential to lead to original research in the future; and,
* evidence of significant acquisition of information literacy skills, and the development of a habit of research and inquiry that shows the likelihood of persisting in the future.

Clearly, in making these awards, the primary focus will be on the evidence of the student’s research strategy and process, the substance of which will be summarized in a research essay produced by the student and, we hope, made available to you. Consideration of the product of research, while significant, will be secondary. There are two levels of awards, one for seniors and another for non-seniors, allowing the expectations for achievement to be judged in relationship to the applicant’s class year and the requirements of your discipline. For more details, see: http://www.library.unlv.edu/award/

You may give the letter of support to your student to submit with their application (pdf format recommended) or you may send it as an email attachment to [amber.sewell@unlv.edu.](mailto:amber.sewell@unlv.edu.)

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***I agree that my letter of support will become permanent property of the University Archives if this applicant wins the prize.***