

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FAQ

- Can I request a letter of recommendation (LOR) from Dr. Iverson?

Yes, Dr. Iverson accepts requests year-round. He accepts requests for law school, medical school, veterinary school, job applications, scholarships, internships, and most other academic or professional opportunities that require a letter of recommendation. However, **he only writes LORs during the month of May**. We do this in order to ensure that each LOR he writes is of the highest quality, and to ensure that writing letters does not interfere with his responsibilities to current students during the semester.

- What if my deadline is before May? Will he still write a letter for me?

No, Dr. Iverson only writes letters during the month of May. He does not write LORs during any other time during the year. This is in order to allow him to focus on his students, his courses, and other important work during the semester. If LOR time ate up weeks during the semester, it would reduce his capacity for his current students, and we don't want recommendation writing to take away from the time Dr. Iverson is able to devote to his current students.

- How do I request a letter?

On this website, there is a QR code that will take you to a Google Form. Please provide ONLY the information asked for. You will receive a copy of your responses to confirm that you submitted a request. However, submitting a request does NOT mean you will receive a letter.

- Is there a deadline on when to request a letter?

Requests must be submitted by March 31, 2027 to be considered for letters written during May 2027.

- What happens after I submit a request?

No further action is required until April 5, 2027. On the morning of April 5, you should receive an email either confirming Dr. Iverson will write you a LOR with instructions for next steps, or informing you that he is unable to accommodate your request this year. Dr. Iverson gets countless requests for LORs every year, and while we wish we could get to every one, it simply isn't possible.

- Can I make an appeal for an exception?

To ensure fairness for all students, these policies apply equally to all students.

- Can I apply again next year, if I am not selected?

Yes. Students are welcome to submit a new request during a future application cycle.

- What criteria must I meet in order to receive a LOR?

At this time, Dr. Iverson has no "ideal criteria" for students that will get a LOR. Rather, the information you enter into the Google Form will be used to best decide which students Dr. Iverson can write letters for. We have switched to a competitive review system this year to determine which requests Dr. Iverson is best able to support.

- How many requests can I make?

Due to the volume of requests Dr. Iverson receives, please limit your request to one. If you are wanting to request a letter for multiple things (e.g. a scholarship and medical school in the same year) please indicate as such in your response.

- If I'm not applying until next year, when should I apply for a LOR?

You don't need to wait until you're actively applying. You're welcome to submit your request as soon as you know you'll need a letter. Dr. Iverson accepts requests year-round, with a submission deadline of **March 31** each year, and writes letters during **May**. If you'll be applying during the **2027 application cycle**, please submit your request by **March 31, 2027**.

- Does Dr. Iverson use Interfolio, TMDAS, or AMCAS?

Dr. Iverson prefers Interfolio. While we are able to submit letters through other application systems, Interfolio has consistently been the most reliable and efficient platform for managing letter submissions. Other platforms occasionally introduce delays or additional processing steps that are outside of our control.

- Should I email Dr. Iverson if my question isn't answered here?

No, please email his administrative assistant, Morgan Hall, at morgan.hall@austin.utexas.edu if you have any other questions. Morgan manages all recommendation letter requests on Dr. Iverson's behalf. To ensure the quickest response, please direct all recommendation letter questions to Morgan. Emails sent directly to Dr. Iverson regarding recommendation letters will be redirected.

To request a letter of recommendation from Dr. Iverson please use the following QR code that will take you to a Google Doc form to fill out.

