## Instructions for letters of reference IRES 2017

Letters of reference are requested to help us understand each applicant's potential for success in an international research program.

Applicants should request reference letters from a faculty member, employer, or other reference who knows you well and who can write a thorough and meaningful letter that addresses your qualifications and potential to contribute to an international research project. The reference should be able to comment on topics, such as <u>ability to work in</u> teams, academic achievements, maturity and responsibility, motivation and dedication.

Letters of recommendation from family and friends are not appropriate. Letters of recommendation from IRES program coordinators at SDSU or CPP are not allowed.

Each reference letter should be emailed directly to <u>nmladenov@sdsu.edu</u> with the applicant's last name followed by "Letter of Reference" in the subject line. The deadline for letters of reference is January 27, 2017.