**Research Experiences for Teachers in**

**Engineering Design and Manufacturing**

**Recommendation Form**

\*This form should be completed by the applicant’s campus principal, associate principal, dean or department head.

**Overview:** The Research Experiences for Teachers Engineering Design and Manufacturing program is hosted at Lamar University (http://lamar.edu/ret). The program provides opportunities for high school teachers involved in STEM education to engage in Engineering Design and Manufacturing research and curriculum development. Activities will include a 6-week summer program at Lamar University and continuing collaboration throughout the following academic year. A teacher will receive $1,000/week in the summer program. A master teacher will receive $1,200/week in the summer program.

During the summer, participants will:

 engage in a research project with a faculty mentor;

 attend special topic presentations and site tours; and

 develop an instructional module to teach a topic related to their research and subject.

During the following academic year, participants will:

 implement their instructional modules in the classroom and assess learning outcomes;

 attend a 1-day workshop to present results, share materials, and evaluate the program.

This program has a challenging set of activities to engage participating teachers. We seek teachers who excel in the classroom and can serve as a positive influence on their students as they navigate the college/career planning process.

**Instructions:** Please rate the applicant’s attributes on the next page; additional comments are also welcome. The completed recommendation should be placed into a sealed envelope and enclosed together with the other application materials in a single package. The entire application package should be mailed to the address below by March 9, 2018.

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Applicants will be notified by March 23, 2017. If you have questions, please contact the site director, Professor Weihang Zhu (email: weihang.zhu@lamar.edu).

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| Applicant Information Survey  |
| 1 | Please write applicant’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| 2 | How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3 | How well do you know the applicant? |   | Very Well | Well | SomewhatNot Well | Not Well |
| 3 | Is the applicant seen as a leader among his/her peers and administrators? |  | Yes | No | Unsure |
| 4 | The applicant excels in the classroom. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Unsure |
| 5 | The applicant is enthusiastic about teaching and the teaching profession. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Unsure |
| 6 | The applicant is well-regarded by his/her campus administration. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Unsure |
| 7 | The applicant is well-regarded by his/her colleagues. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Unsure |
| 8 | To the best of my knowledge, the applicant plans to continue in the teaching profession for several years. |  |  |  | Yes | No | Unsure |

Any relevant comments you can add regarding the applicant will be helpful. Include your comments in the space below or through an additional page/letter:

***I certify that I completed this recommendation form as it pertains to the applicant listed above.***

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Your relationship to applicant (Please circle): Principal/Dean, Associate Principal/Dean, or Department Head

\*Name and city/state of your school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_