

Research Experiences for Teachers in Machine Learning and Smart System Design

Recommendation Form

(To be completed by applicant's campus principal, associate principal, or department head)

Overview: The Research Experiences for Teachers in Machine Learning and Smart System Design program is hosted at Texas A&M University (<http://people.tamu.edu/~hsieh/ret/>). The program provides opportunities for high school teachers involved in career and technology education (CATE) to engage in Machine Learning and Smart System Design research and curriculum development. Activities will include a 6-week summer program at Texas A&M University and continuing collaboration throughout the following academic year.

During the summer, participants will:

- engage in a research project with a faculty mentors;
- attend special topic presentations and site tours; and
- develop an instructional module to teach a topic related to their research.

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 an intensive set of activities with high demands on 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 on the following attributes; additional comments are also welcome.

Email the completed recommendation to the program director, Dr. Sheng-Jen ("Tony") Hsieh at hsieh@tamu.edu

The subject line of the email should be: RET 2024 Recommendation - name of applicant

If necessary, you can mail the recommendation form to the address below.

Dr. Sheng-Jen ("Tony") Hsieh, RET in Machine Learning and Smart System Design, Dept. of ETID
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If you have questions, please contact the site director, Professor Sheng-Jen ("Tony") Hsieh at hsieh@tamu.edu

Applicant Information

Applicant name: _____ How long have you known him/her? _____

How well do you know the applicant? *Very Well* *Well* *Somewhat* *Not Well*

Is the applicant seen as a leader among his/her peers and administrators? *Yes* *No* *Unsure*

The applicant excels in the classroom.
Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree* *Unsure*

The applicant is enthusiastic about teaching and the teaching profession.
Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree* *Unsure*

The applicant is well-regarded by his/her campus administration.
Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree* *Unsure*

The applicant is well-regarded by his/her departmental colleagues.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree* *Unsure*

The applicant is well-regarded by his/her students.

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree* *Unsure*

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 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 (Principal, Associate Principal, or Department Head): _____

*Name and city/state of your educational institution:
