

To those who request a letter of recommendation from me, please kindly note the following:

“Taking one of my classes” or “internship in my lab” is “probably” not enough for me to know you research-wise and give any real recommendation to a 3rd party. You need to have cooperated with me on a research project, coauthored a high-quality “scientific” paper or completed your thesis work under my advisory.

Unless you have done neither of that, most probably, I am not the right person from whom to request a recommendation letter.

In any case, if we had not worked together on a research area, then my recommendation would be very general, brief and even poor. It will probably not work well towards your purpose while applying scholarship, job or a future academic program.

So please ask me recommendation letter only under this condition. If I refuse you, do not take it personally. I would like to be your faithful friend, and shall happily buy you a glass of beer or ayran, but writing a letter is another issue.

If you do not contact me before requesting your letter of recommendation and/or listing me as a referee, I will not provide a reference.

If you satisfy the aforesaid conditions, do email me and make your request at least two weeks in advance of the deadline – I am not ChatGPT or any other your favorite artificial postmodern slave. Also please send me your up-to-date CV along with appropriate information about you. Thank you.