

**1. Recommender's Name:**

## Text Response

Stephen Sherman

## Statistic

Total Responses

## Value

1

**2. Recommender's Email Address:**

## Text Response

stephencsherman@gmail.com

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## Value

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**3. Applicant's name for which you are providing a recommendation:**

## Text Response

Fengdi Li

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**4. How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances have you become familiar with the applicant's academic abilities?**

## Text Response

I have known Fengdi since August 2016, when she began her internship with Foundation Center's Atlanta office. As Atlanta Lead for Foundation Center, I served as Fengdi's direct supervisor during the Fall 2016 semester, during which we worked together on several research and data projects.

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**5. Please assess the applicant's ability to contribute to the Data Science for the Public Good Fellowship Program.**

## Text Response

Fengdi is a quick learner and during her internship with Foundation Center was able to produce quality results with minimal supervision. She is self-motivated and eager to find ways to apply her academic learning to real-life problems. During just one semester with our organization, she proved essential to completing three different data analysis and evaluation projects. Each project required multiple levels of analysis and often one project would overlap with another. She was nevertheless able to develop an appropriate work plan for each project and accomplished each in turn. Her experience working with several Atlanta-area nonprofits would make her a terrific fit for the Data Science for the Public Good Fellowship and I feel that she would be able to contribute to the program immediately.

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## 6. How would you describe the applicant's motivation and initiative in pursuing his/her academic and career goals?

### Text Response

Fengdi has regularly sought out opportunities to grow her academic and professional knowledge and demonstrates a proactive mindset towards her skill development. Prior to interning with Foundation Center, she had already interned with several other local nonprofits and took it upon herself to seek out an internship with our organization. As an example of her initiative, Fengdi was integral to our work at Foundation Center in conducting the biennial survey with the Georgia Grantmakers Alliance and the Georgia Center Nonprofits. These surveys were aimed at assessing the state of Georgia foundations' giving and the perceptions of the state's foundations among the broader nonprofit sector. Once the surveys closed, Fengdi was tasked with organizing, cleaning, and conducting primary analysis of the survey data based on notes and procedures from our prior three iterations of the survey. Given that we were also working on several other data projects simultaneously, Fengdi's assistance was essential to meeting our designated timeline. She not only completed the necessary analyses on time, but took it upon herself to develop alternative cross-analyses and interpretations of the survey data that further enhanced our understanding of the responses. She was able to apply her past experience with data analysis from prior internships and from her academic studies to advance our project. In this way, Fengdi was eager to apply her knowledge and skills to the task at hand.

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