

**University of Hawaii - Manoa Reading Interventionist Program
Principal/Direct Supervisor Approval and Letter of Recommendation**

_____ is applying for the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education Reading Interventionist Program. Candidates of this program will learn the foundations of reading development and oral language, advanced assessment and intervention planning skills, and diagnostic-prescriptive reading intervention practices to provide effective literacy instruction that meets the needs of students with disabilities (SWDs).

This program has been developed in partnership with the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department); participants will receive tuition stipends from the Department to complete the program. Program participants understand and agree that acceptance of the award of the stipend constitutes a commitment by the recipient to maintain employment in accordance with the Employment Requirements section of this Contract as follows:

- As a full-time special education teacher who provides targeted reading and writing instruction, and support to individual and small groups of SWDs with complex reading and writing profiles, including dyslexia, and serves SWDs who are at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels of reading, spelling, and writing instruction, or
- As a full-time complex area/district/state resource teacher who provides professional development and coaching to school level staff regarding reading and writing instruction for SWDs and/or conducts academic assessments for SWDs.

This employment requirement may be satisfied with the participant's current full-time position at the school, complex area, district, or state level.

As the principal/direct supervisor of _____,
I confirm that they are currently in a position that allow them to provide reading and writing instruction to SWDs and/or professional learning for classroom teachers regarding reading and writing instruction for SWDs.

Name and Position (print)

Signature

Please provide your letter of recommendation for this candidate in the space provided: