Chemistry REFS (Resources for Easing Friction and Stress) Program

Graduate student _____ and I have discussed the essence of, and his or her will to apply for, the Chemistry REFS program. This student is in good academic standing and is aware that the time spent as a graduate student mediator should not detract from his or her research and scholarly activities. I am aware that the mediators receive compensation for their efforts.

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Adviser signature Date

Please submit this form to Rebecca Teixeira (Chemistry Education Office) by Friday, November 3, 2017. Office is open 8:30 am–5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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Being a member of ChemREFS involves having many conversations with fellow graduate students about the Department of Chemistry. Please discuss with your peers about the challenges that graduate students in the department face, how you think you can address the problems to improve the department and/or lab atmosphere, and how you see yourself making an impact as a member of ChemREFS. Please obtain signatures from graduate students in at least three different research groups below.

By signing below, I support fellow graduate student _____ as a potential member of the MIT Department of Chemistry REFS Program.

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Please attach short responses (one or two paragraphs) for the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the ChemREFS?

2. Have you ever had to deal with a difficult interpersonal conflict in a professional or academic setting? How did you overcome this challenge?