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**COMPETITIVE SMALL RESEARCH GRANTS  
RESEARCH APPROVAL LETTER**

To the student: In order for IFPRI and EDRI to approve the proposed grant application, a **letter from the Head of the applicant's academic department** (or any other designated official) is required in order to verify that the applicant's research proposal has been approved. The student should discuss the 5-page summary of the research proposal with the academic department Head in order to assure that the research concept is approved by the university and study program **before** applying for the grant.

To the faculty member: Please complete this form only if you agree to the student's proposed research concept and the 5-page summary of research proposal that is required for grant application. In addition, please include a letter of endorsement with this signed form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student discussed this research with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this research complement his/her academic studies and career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please rank this student's academic performance and interest in comparison to this year's student body by checking a box below:

Top 10% _____	11- 25% _____	26 – 50% _____	51 – 75% _____	Bottom 25% _____
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Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_