## Will you write me a letter of recommendation?

- Maybe! Do you meet the following criteria?
  - o Are you requesting a letter more than two weeks before the deadline?
  - o If so
  - Have you worked in my lab for one or more terms (and actively participated in lab meetings, subject running, data collection, or analysis)? OR
  - o Have you taken one or more courses with me?
    - If so, have you done ALL of the following:
      - Earned a B or higher?
      - Participated actively in class or on Canvas discussion boards?
      - Attended to office hours (at least twice) or had discussions with me before or after class?
  - If you meet these criteria, I may be willing to write you a letter, depending on the time of year and my other obligations. Please e-mail me with an official request, including the following information:
    - How many letters are you requesting?
    - What are the due dates for each letter?
    - If I agree to write you a letter, please follow the instructions below.
  - If you do not meet these criteria, I am not the best person to write you a letter of recommendation.
    - You should cultivate a relationship with a faculty member who can speak to your academic or other strengths. I am happy to brainstorm other options with you and help you figure out how to cultivate strong letter writers in the future. Please come to office hours to discuss further.

## What do you need to write me letter of recommendation?

- If I agree to write you a letter of recommendation, I will ask you to fill out a Google Form (contact me for a link) with the information listed below. Once you have filled out the form, e-mail me to let me know. Then, you should start a new spreadsheet in Google Docs titled YOURNAME RECOMMENDATIONS that is in this format:
  - Program/Internship/Company/Institution; Name letter should be addressed to (if applicable; N/A otherwise); Link to program information; Due Date; Does the letter have specific requirements (Yes/No – please list requirements if Yes); Any other information I need to know about the program (optional); MMBB column (I will note here when I've completed the letter)
  - o Share this spreadsheet with me make sure I have edit permissions

## Info on Google Form

- First name
- Last name
- What classes have you taken with MMBB (following format: LING411; Fall 2018; Final Grade 87 B+) Please use a separate entry for each class you have taken with me.
- Major
- Minor or Certificate Program
- Expected year of graduation
- Overall GPA
- LING GPA (Or Major GPA if in CDS, Psych, Bio)
- Have you worked in the SPPLab?
- If yes, what projects have you worked on in the lab?
- Any notable extracurriculars?
- Anything notable about your educational experience (i.e., honors college, transfer student, obstacles you have overcome, etc.)?
- Why are you interested in this opportunity (internship/graduate school/etc.)? You may copy a draft of your personal statement/letter of interest here.