

# HOW TO SELECT A STRONG RECOMMENDER

## FOR YOUR CAREY APPLICATION

Are you applying to an **MS** or **MBA** program?



How do you know the person you'd like to recommend you?

Supervisor  
at work



Family  
or friend



Professor  
or advisor



### Worked together <1 year



A recommender you've worked with for at least a year is generally stronger than someone you've known a short time. If you are applying to an **MS program** and recently graduated, you could consider a professor instead. If you are applying for an **MBA program**, be sure this person knows you and your goals well.

### Worked together 1-3+ years



A current or former supervisor who has worked with you for 1-3 years and knows your strengths and goals is well-positioned to write on your behalf. Someone who has worked with you directly is always better than a person with a higher title who doesn't know you as well.



If you are a recent graduate applying for an **MS program**, we accept letters of recommendation from professors or advisors who can speak to your career goals, passions, and work ethic. For **MBA candidates**, we prefer a letter from a current or former supervisor.



Avoid family members or friends as recommenders even if you have worked together. Consider someone who can speak to your work ethic and character in a professional or academic setting.