

Los Rios Community College District
Human Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95825

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Dear Hiring Committee:

It is with pleasure that I write to recommend Abida Mukarram for the position of Computer Information Science Assistant Professor at Folsom Lake College. I have had the pleasure of working with Abida for the past seven years at Sacramento City College, and I can attest to her high qualifications and dedication to inclusive and engaging learning environments. If you are looking for a creative, innovative, responsible, and personable instructor who employs strong pedagogical practices, both online and in person, you will do well to have Abida as part of your team.

As the Instructional Development Coordinator for Sacramento City College, I've worked with Abida in a variety of contexts. I've always been impressed with her forward-thinking approach to her subject matter and the way she relates subject content to her students. She strives to make learning intuitive and attractive, and her approach sets her students up for success not just in the classroom, but for the world of computer science within modern day business and industry. She is equity-minded and student-centered, giving her students voice, a sense of belonging, and a "look-toward-the-future" growth mindset.

In Abida's tenure at Sacramento City College, she has continually expanded the scope of her teaching, always seeking out new challenges and new areas for development. She has taught all levels of programming courses at our college, recently developing a new course in Python programming and new curriculum in the area of data science. Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and machine learning are areas that excite Abida, and she would be an asset to your division as curriculum related to these emerging technologies evolves.

Last but not least is Abida's value as dedicated, well-respected team member. She has earned high respect from not just colleagues within her division, but from the campus community at large. Her enthusiasm and positive attitude are infectious, and she brings those qualities to the surface in those she works with. She leads by example, serves as a mentor to part-time faculty, and strives to make her department a better place for both her colleagues and our students. She comes with my highest recommendation.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at the contact information provided below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BP', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

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