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Reference Letter for Atharva Muraskar

I'm very happy to write this letter of reference for Atharva Muraskar whom I have known about one year now. Atharva is a student of Vishwaniketan iMEET (University Of Mumbai). Atharva first contacted me in Spring 2018 requesting me to guide him for his project. Although, my schedule was quite hectic, I was quite impressed with Atharva's track record and accepted.

Atharva spent 2 months at IIT Bombay in 2019 and I was really happy that I had agreed to guide him. He was a very motivated, sincere and talented student who did not need too much hand holding. From the beginning, he was clear that he wanted to work on challenging problems with good learning potential. Since I was interested in the use Python for modeling and visualization I encouraged him to develop some tools in this area. I also requested him to help my Ph.D. student who was building a simulator for evaluating dynamic policy adaptation in collaborative peer to peer applications. Atharva was all charged up, quickly picked up all the relevant knowledge and was able to achieve both goals quite easily.

It was a pleasure to interact with Atharva given his strong motivation, talent and capability for independent work. He has the potential to do very significant outstanding work during his studies. I would definitely place him in the top 5% of the approximately 500 students at his level I have interacted extensively with in the last decade or so.

I am delighted to recommend him in the highest possible terms. Please feel free to contact me if you need any more details.