Dear Senate,

Thank you for reviewing the application for Eran Shorer (SHRERA001) to pursue an MSc in Theoretical/Computational Neuroscience concurrently with his MBChB 6th year training.

As Eran’s potential MSc supervisor, I fully support Eran’s decision to undertake the MSc during his final year of medical training. Eran is an ideal candidate for the MSc as he has a unique skill set (being competent in mathematics, computer science and medicine), has a strong track-record of working independently, and is in excellent academic standing.

The MSc project I am offering is amenable to part-time working for the first year. The initial phases of the project involve reviewing literature and building computational models which can be done off-campus. Eran and I both feel he will be capable of pursuing this phase in his spare time. Moreover, Eran has approximately 2 months of clinical elective time where he can place more time on the project.

Once this initial phase is over, Eran will begin working exclusively on the project in 2021 by delaying his medical internship. This timing is perfect for him as he will only have to spend 1 year out of the healthcare system to complete the MSc. If he were to begin the MSc after his medical studies, he would have to spend an additional year out of the system which would impact on his ability to practice medicine in the country. Therefore, beginning the project in 2020 will allow him to practice medicine and pursue his research aspirations.

Due to the fact Eran has an excellent academic standing, has worked independently throughout medical school, and is ideally suited to the project I completely endorse Eran’s application to undertake the MSc, concurrently with MBChB 6th year.

Sincerely,

Dr Joe Raimondo