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To whom it may concern

Letter of reference: Mr Fabio Fehr

Please accept this letter of reference for Fabio Fehr's application to your PhD programme. I have known Fabio in my capacity as his lecturer in Statistics, Operations Research and Infectious Disease Modelling for the last three years.

Fabio is a bright, intelligent and well-rounded individual. In his studies he has demonstrated academic prowess performing well in his courses and securing a scholarship to fund his Masters in Science degree. His portfolio speaks for itself, showing a balance in academic success and application of skills through internships at Data Science companies. He has also shown resourcefulness and a sense of social responsiveness by assisting fellow students through tutoring.

Fabio has demonstrated an aptitude for research from an early stage. His fourth year Honours project in Statistics was awarded a distinction, and he presented his work at the national conference of the Statistics Association. This is an honour afforded to only a few students in the country. Fabio has also studied Infectious Disease Modellng under my tutelage. He approached this topic with a tenacious and curious mind, determined to acquire quantitative skills to improve the provision of healthcare. Fabio has the right temperament for postgraduate studies and pairing that with his academic prowess, I believe that he will be an asset to any university or PhD Programme in which he pursues his studies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Kind regards,

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