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To whom it may concern

Reference for Fabio Fehr

I have known Fabio since 2015 when he started studying the Statistics courses in our department, advised him when he decided at the end of his first year to change from Economics to Analytics for his Business Science degree specialization and watched him grow into a very capable young data scientist as he completed his undergraduate studies and progressed through his masters studies.

He has a very good academic record and missed the distinction for the Statistical honours component of his undergraduate degree with 1 percentage point. His undergraduate degree gave him a good training in Applied Statistics, Economics and Computer Science. He has an excellent set of marks for the coursework component of his masters degree. These masters courses are tricky and expect a very high level of both theoretical, analytical and computational skills from the students. Through the Bioinformatics and Infectious Disease Modelling courses, he exposed himself to the application of his analytical skills to research in the health sciences. His choice of research topic for his masters dissertation is very interesting and should challenge his methodological and computing skills.

Fabio has been a head tutor in our department for many years where he has played an important role in assisting students who take our very large introductory Statistics course. This course is offered in a blended learning format and hence requires online teaching skills. However, Fabio's contribution has also been in being the human face to the students and playing an important role in face to face tutorial and workshops. In addition Fabio has been a tutor and subject expert on data science type short courses that we offer through GetSmarter. His intellectual abilities and his personable nature has made him an excellent candidate for these roles.

Fabio is a friendly, outgoing, young man. He has a wide range of interests beyond his academics that include sport and music, making him a well-rounded individual. He gets on well with his fellow students and his lecturers.

I believe Fabio will make a good PhD student and is well-suited to the proposed programs of study. I highly recommend him for acceptance into these programs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Little'.

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