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**To Graduate Admissions Tutors**

RE. Fraser Embleton-Smith

I am very pleased to write in strong support of Fraser Embleton-Smith's application. I was Fraser's personal Tutor at Wadham College, Oxford, and followed his academic progress closely. I also advised him on his final-year dissertation. Fraser was a bright, perceptive, and capable student with a keen curiosity that should qualify him well for postgraduate study. His tutorial work was typically scholarly and well written and he was a ready contributor to discussion in tutorials. In his first year, he achieved 1<sup>st</sup> class marks and a good upper second class degree overall (66.5%) based on his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year marks. This was achieved in spite of a set of difficult circumstances that affected his performance in his final two years. These were sufficiently serious that careful consideration was given to suspending for a year but, to his credit, Fraser came through and achieved a mean mark of 69.5% in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year written papers. This was no more than he deserved.

Fraser developed a strong interest in theoretical and evolutionary biology and chose a final year research project in this area. I am pleased that he has decided to pursue this interest seriously and I fully endorse his choice for postgraduate study.

I think you will find Fraser to be a serious and committed student and I recommend him to you highly.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Moore.

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