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**Re:** Letter of references for Herdís María Sigurdardóttir

To whom it may concern,

I hereby offer my strongest recommendation for Herdís María Sigurdardóttir.

Herdís María is one of the very best amongst the about 900 students who are currently enrolled in the School of Computer Science at Reykjavik University. She is proactive, independent, curious, creative, highly motivated, reliable, mature and very well organized. These are all qualities that will allow her to excel in her future career.

Herdís María took the third-year course in ‘Theory of Computation’ I recently taught. She followed the course from Rennes, France, where she is based with her family. This meant that she could not attend any of the lectures or exercise sessions at Reykjavik University and that she essentially took the course as a supervised independent study. Despite the conceptual difficulty of the material, Herdís María managed to achieve an excellent understanding of the concepts covered in the course and received 9.5/10 for it. This witnesses her independence, commitment and clarity of thought.

Herdís María has done very well in all the courses she has taken at Reykjavik University, as witnessed by her GPA of 9.30/10. Most importantly, she has shown an attitude for independent work that makes her a very strong candidate for challenging careers.

Herdís María is a well-rounded computer scientist. She has a strong theoretical background, excellent analytic abilities and very good system building skills.

Summing up, Herdís María has my strongest support and I highly recommend her.

Yours sincerely,

Luca Aceto  
Professor of Computer Science  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luca Aceto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luca" and the last name "Aceto" clearly distinguishable.