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To Whom It May Concern:

I am glad to recommend Jagrit Acharya for admission to a master's degree at your University. I am an Associate Lecturer at Edinburgh Napier University in the School of Computing - Cyber Security and Networking subject group. I met Jagrit during his Research Internship at the OpenMined privacy-preserving machine learning organisation. Jagrit was a member of the Identity team and, more specifically, on the PyDentity project (<https://github.com/OpenMined/PyDentity>) in which I am a lead researcher/developer. Jagrit assisted in technologies related to the Hyperledger Aries framework to implement secure identification and authentication procedures using Decentralised Identifiers (DIDs) and Verifiable Credentials (VCs). Jagrit distinguished himself from the other team members by coming up with exceptionally well-researched and interesting ideas to enhance the overall privacy of the project.

We had multiple exciting discussions with Jagrit about the technologies mentioned above, where he used to ask genuine and well-informed doubts regarding the project and its future. This curiosity and excellent communication skills influenced me to consider him a brilliant student who can thrive academically and in the industry.

Jagrit can work well within a team and is highly proficient in applying his research knowledge to complex problems. He always explained his views on various of the project's aspects concisely and clearly. Not only he was interested and motivated to learn new technologies, methodologies and tools, but he also put a lot of effort into understanding the basic concepts and suggesting his ideas to enhance the privacy-preserving topics further.

I would therefore highly recommend Jagrit Archarya to your institution, and I am confident that he would be an extremely positive asset to your programme. If I can assist or provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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