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**RE:** Recommendation for Mr. Ian Lee’s application for graduate school

**From:** John M. Neuberger, Professor of Mathematics, NAU

**Date:** October 27, 2016

Dear Committee -

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Ian Lees for admission to your graduate program. I am a full professor of Mathematics in the mathematics and statistics department at Northern Arizona University. My main interaction with Mr. Lees was as his numerical analysis instructor in the Spring 2016. I teach a very tough class, to an audience of mostly mechanical engineering majors. Mr. Lees earned a ‘B’, which is a pretty good grade in this class. His superior mathematical abilities put him a cut above the average student, and with perseverance he became proficient at mathematical programming in Matlab. We covered the usual introductory topics, but carried all the way through to PDE, boundary conditions, Fourier series, eigenvalue problems, and other fairly advanced topics. The course as I teach it is project based, and Mr. Lees showed himself to be proficient at scientific report writing. Overall, I was impressed with Mr. Lees attitude and achievement in the course.

Mr. Lees is a pleasant person who seems to be on something of an upswing in academic performance. I notice that he has also done well in several of his statistics courses. He is a hardworking reliable sort of person, and can be counted on to complete assignments on time and fulfill all of his responsibilities to the best of his abilities. I feel confident that he can succeed at any of the several institutions that he is applying to, and hope that he can be offered a GTA with full support. I know that he will do a professional job as he learns to teach, and I feel that the experience would be very beneficial to his continued development as a mathematician/statistician. I therefore recommend that you accept Mr. Ian Lees into your program, and with a GTA/support if possible.

##### If you have any questions, I can be best reached by email or cell:

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Respectfully,

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