Testimonial for Dr. Adrian James

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Arushri Swraup and I am a Biomedical Engineering Master’s student at the University of Toronto. Dr. Adrian James is my project supervisor, working on developing tools to facilitate endoscopic ear surgery. I met Dr. James when he supervised this project as my client in an undergraduate engineering design course. He was very welcoming to our team and wanted us to learn as much as we could about ear surgery, in order to engineer a tool to help his surgeries. He invited us to observe surgereies in the OR and took the time out of his busy schedule to meet with us and explain the anatomy and surgery, show us the endoscope inside an ear model, and listen to our suggestions. He went above and beyond as a supervisor when he took us to the surgical skills lab to test the tool and connected us to CIGITI, a medical robotics lab at SickKids that gave us the prototyping and fabrication facilities required to be successful in the project. He even listened to us practice our final presentation to ensure we hit all the necessary points.

I enjoyed working with him in undergrad so much that I asked him to be my supervisor for a Master’s project too. Since then, he has taken hours out of every week to sit down with me and teach me about the surgeries, ear anatomy, reading CT scans, etc. I have observed many surgeries in the OR where he is continually teaching myself about instrumentation and anatomy and the resident surgeons whom he trains and allows to practice their surgical skills. His attitude is definitely that of a kmnowledgable teacher.

Apart from his excellent teaching skills and his true caring attitude, he is very knowledgable in the field of otology and that is evident by the surgical skills course that he organized and the many that he travels to, to deliver lectures about otology skills and endoscopic era surgery in particular. He was on a team at SickKids to develop a minimally invasive method for cochlear implant surgery. He has published many papers relating to surgical outcomes, techniques, etc.