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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Mr. Atif Ahmad who is applying for an internship in NASA DEVELOP Intern National Program for Summer 2014.

Atif Ahmad was a student in our Applied Math Master's program and graduated from our University in Spring 2013.

Atif Ahmad was a student in my undergraduate class Math 423 (Intermediate Numerical Analysis, total 18 students) in Spring 2011 and graduate classes Math 573 (Scientific Computing, total 19 students) in Fall 2011, Math 578 (Numerical Linear Algebra, total 21 students) in Fall 2012, and Math 579 (Mathematical Modeling, total 19 students) in Spring 2013. He earned the grades A for Math 423, B for Math 573, and A for Math 578 and Math 579. I also served on his Numerical Analysis Comprehensive exam committee and he earned an A- on the comprehensive exam. Overall, Atif was among the top 40% students in my classes. He was an independent and hard-working student. My courses also involve a lot of computer programming assignments in Matlab. During his study in my classes, his computer programming skills got much improved.

Atif is mature and can work in a group setting.

I strongly recommend Atif Ahmad for an internship in NASA DECELOP Intern National Program. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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