1. Recommender's Name:

Text Response
Naoru Koizumi

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

2. Recommender's Email Address:

Text Response
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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

3. Applicant's name for which you are providing a recommendation:

Text Response
Mehdi Nayebpour

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

4. How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances have you become familiar with the applicant's academic abilities?

Text Response

I have been his academic advisor and dissertation supervisor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. I have known him for the last 1.5 years since he join the PhD program.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

5. Please assess the applicant's ability to contribute to the Data Science for the Public Good Fellowship Program.

Text Response

I was one of the committee members who admitted Mehdi to our PhD program. It was very clear from his application materials that he is very quantitative and has diverse interests within the quantitative realm of research. He joined the program with strong backgrounds in both operations research and statistics. He is now interested in expanding his capabilities into more cutting edge quantitative areas such as data mining and social network analysis to tackle various policy questions.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

6. How would you describe the applicant's motivation and initiative in pursuing his/her academic and career goals?

Text Response

He already has a very clear idea about his dissertation research, which is relatively rare among second-year PhD students. He is interested in exploring personalized medicine and biobank policies looking at benefits and risks involved in genetic information sharing. He has been attending seminars and conferences organized by both health/medical and policy societies. Thus, he is very motivated and has strong initiative in pursuing his academic/career goals.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1