January 30, 2017

Ref: Recommending Mr. Gittu George for PhD Program in Department of Psychology at The University of Sheffield.

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write a recommendation letter for Mr. Gittu George who is applying for the PhD program in at University of Sheffield.

Mr. Gittu George completed his Master of Science degree in Computer Science at University of Houston-Clear Lake. I had the pleasure to be his instructor for Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence, for which he achieved the highest grade. Another course work he took from me is an independent study on Social Media Analytics using Pinterest data. On multiple occasions, he talked to me about his interest in the field of data science and asked for advice and resources to prepare for a doctoral program in the field. As an international student whose native language is not English, Mr. George exhibit superior communication skills in English, both oral and written.

I and Mr. Gittu George kept in touch after he graduated. He landed a job as data engineer and have gained valuable research and hands-on experience from multiple projects. His skill set was expanded with various big data analytics framework and tools including the Hadoop ecosystem, Spark, R, mongoDB etc.

Mr. George impressed me with his passion for data science. I truly believe he has the intellectual capability to pursue a doctoral degree and career in the field. His programming skill, plus his understanding of and real-world experience with data-driven research, make him an excellent candidate for your program.

If you have further questions or need more information, feel free to contact me at 1-281-283-3732.

Sincerely,

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