

08/26/2022

**Re: Letter of Support for Dr. Supraja Gurajala**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Dr. Gurajala's application for tenure at SUNY Potsdam. I was a transfer student from the University of Rochester where I had studied both Computer Science and Computer Engineering. I feel that across both subject fields and both schools my most valuable educational experiences occurred when I was in a classroom with Dr. Gurajala.

In my limited experience, I have encountered a few brilliant computer scientists. What I think truly makes Dr. Gurajala exceptional is that in addition to being a stellar computer scientist, she also is an excellent teacher. It was clear to me that she prepared for every single class with a level of organization that I wish every professor had. Students' questions were given her full consideration and answered with thought and care. She struck the perfect balance of firmness and flexibility when it came to issues with coursework or assignments. It was clear with every interaction that she truly cared that her students learned the material.

In addition to the quality of her instruction, I am extremely grateful for her efforts to add valuable electives to the Computer Science department. One such addition, Database Systems, was instrumental to my getting hired as a full time Software Developer at Sensor Tower. My experience in Data Analysis, another elective offered by Dr. Gurajala, was also particularly helpful in preparing me for my current employment. Machine Learning and Cryptography, two other electives offered by Dr. Gurajala, are becoming increasingly relevant to our field of study, and valuable for any student entering the job market or looking to pursue research.

I would be privileged to have another opportunity to receive instruction from such a skilled computer scientist and passionate educator. I cannot imagine a better candidate for tenure at SUNY Potsdam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Cole Morgen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dylan Cole Morgen, Class of 2022