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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to recommend **Hariprasath Chandrasekar** (Hari) for a predoctoral position. I am a Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Arlington. I have known Hari for a couple of years as a student in three of my graduate economics courses. I have also had brief informal interactions with him and other graduate students on campus. I consider myself to be acquainted enough with Hari to render opinions about his potential.

Our economics masters degree program has transitioned into one with a strong data analytics foundation. There are multiple estimation exercises in the empirical courses. My causal inference course introduces students to some of the more recently developed estimators. Even in my theory courses, students must apply the theory to real world cases. Also, in each of my courses, he has had to make presentations based on a semester long project. Hari has been consistently well-prepared for class discussions and has been a studious participant in class. His ultimate course ranking in these courses was near the median of all students. With our emphasis on econometrics and practical data analysis and his continuous effort, he will be ready to perform as an RA on his first day.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Ward
Professor of Economics