

December 19, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for one of my students, Julie DE SOUSA. I have been her finance professor for two semesters at INSEEC in Lyon, France where Julie is a student in the Masters of International Business Management. All of the Masters IBM courses at INSEEC are taught in English to both native and non-native English speakers. The program is very rigorous as students can eventually have nine hours of classes per day while working in full time positions the other days of the week.

In this tough environment, Julie is one of the top students in the International Finance & Risk Management class (19.8/20). The final exam takes place in January 2023, but I am sure Julie will be in the top 3 students out of 60. Last year in my International Financial Analysis class Julie was the 8th highest student (17.6/20) out of 90 total students following the same class. Compared to other students I have seen (approximately 200 per year at 8 business schools at the graduate and undergraduate level, during my thirty years of teaching), Julie is also in the top 5%.

Julie's intellectual capacity is superior to the average students. Her logical reasoning places her above her peers. Julie understands immediately everything presented in class and therefore responds quickly and correctly to questions during the lecture. Julie also helps her teammates understand the highly technical material so that they could contribute to class projects and succeed on their exams. Julie is mature beyond her age. For these reasons, the students in the class admire and respect her. Due to her bright mind and sincere personality, Julie is a pleasure to have in any classroom or team.

Julie has an enormous capacity for work which has enabled her to receive outstanding marks in difficult subjects, in a foreign language. Although students were in groups of six, I could see that Julie was personally involved in or supervising over half of the work effort. Julie is never complaining, but just working to ensure the job is well done. Her level of Excel is high and her worksheets are well organized and meticulous. Julie is clearly a perfectionist. Her English is impeccable.

I have worked for Arthur Andersen and then GE for 14 years in accounting and then finance at very high levels in the US, Asia and Europe. Julie is the type of person that any international organization would be anxious to hire. Intelligent, focused, driven, mature, kind, positive, honest, bilingual and results oriented are some of the words that quickly come to mind describing the wonderful individual that I have the pleasure to recommend to you.

Please let me know if there is any other information that you would deem necessary to make a positive decision.

Sincerely,

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