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Letter of Recommendation

It is my pleasure to recommend the acceptance of Carlos Eduardo Bezerra for a scholarship in order to pursue postgraduate studies at the Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI) in Lugano. Mr. Bezerra has recently received a Master's degree in Computer Science from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil. I have come to know him through his supervisor at UFRGS, and since then we have interacted in several occasions during the writing of his scholarship application. In all such interactions he has proved to be highly motivated and responsible, and demonstrated a lot of initiative.

Mr. Bezerra is currently a research assistant at UFRGS working toward a PhD degree under direction of Prof. Claudio Geyer. The project activities described in Mr. Bezerra's scholarship application are part of his PhD research and tightly related to my research interests. Moreover, the goals set for his stay in my group at USI are compatible with the scholarship duration. I believe that a stay at USI would be an excellent opportunity for Mr. Bezerra to further develop his research skills and to interact with researchers in my group. For these reasons, I would gladly host him in my group, provide all needed support for him to do his work, and closely supervise his research.

Should any additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,


Fernando Pedone
Associate Professor
