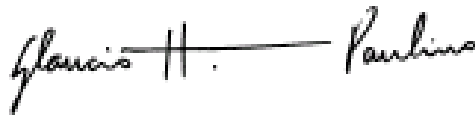


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**To whom it may concern:**

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Mateus Bastos Neiva, presently a doctoral student at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil, joined my research group under my supervision, as a VSRC at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, at Princeton University, from September of 2023 to February of 2024. During this period, every week, he either presented a seminar or provided a briefing of his most recent research updates to my graduate students. In addition, Mr. Neiva also audited my "Origami Engineering" course. At that time, his research was devoted to developing a numerical model applied to Fracture Mechanics occurring on Origami structures. By the end of his period at Princeton, he had the opportunity to present his results at the "Fracture across fields: insights from materials science, biology, and geophysics" workshop at Princeton University on May 8th - 10th.

Sincerely yours,



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