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Letter of Recommendation for Petras Vestartas

To whom it may concern:

Petras Vestartas has been a research assistant at the Centre for Information Technology and Architecture (CITA) across the period January 2016 – April 2017. CITA is an innovative research environment exploring the emergent intersections between architecture and digital technologies. Our work investigates how digital technologies challenge the ways in which we think, design and produce architecture. This research is project-led, always results in the making of full-scale physical demonstrators, employs advanced computational methods and is disseminated internationally.

During his time at CITA, Petras has been a principal contributor to the funded research projects – *Inflated Restraint* within the parent project *Complex Modelling* (http://www.complexmodelling.dk/) and *Flora Robotica* (http://www.florarobotica.eu/).

Both projects have been significantly advanced through Petras' particular skills in advanced computational modelling and simulation. He is a highly accomplished, rigorous and methodical coder, evidence of which can be found on his actively maintained vimeo page (https://vimeo.com/user12499445). His forte in coding is complimented with skills in general architectural design, physical prototyping, academic scholarship and research method. In addition to project development, Petras has also engaged in the reflective aspects of research practice, contributing to academic papers submitted to leading international conferences across Architecture, Engineering and Computational disciplines.

Throughout his time at CITA, Petras has exhibited an extreme professionalism, self-direction, thoroughness, inquisitiveness, willingness to learn and ability to work in collaborative groups across disciplines. Petras is a tremendously considered, methodical and cheerful architect. He will be a highly valuable and valued asset to any practice.

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