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Dear Selection Committee:

Rizqy Amelia Zein (Amelia) has asked me to write a letter of reference in support of her application for a graduate position to your department. I have known Amelia for about 10 months now, first as a conference presenter, then as a collaborator, and most recently as my host for a visit to her university. I hold Amelia in very high regard and can attest to her penetrating intelligence, motivation, professionalism, and intellectual maturity. I am pleased to recommend Amelia without reservation.

I first got to know Amelia in February 2019 as a conference speaker at a small conference on psychology of law. Amelia's talk stood out among all the others—her presentation was clear and intelligent, she was so well spoken, and it was clear that she was very passionate about her work. I later spoke to her to commend her on her talk and that started our still ongoing conversation. Before long, Amelia invited me to collaborate with her on a project, and I was more than happy to accept so that I had an opportunity to work with someone with so much promise.

Amelia's project is an ambitious meta-science project examining the state of scientific publishing in Indonesia. Her goal is to quantify not just the quantity of scientific output from her home country but to quantify the *scientific quality* of this output. To accomplish this latter goal, she will not only examine journal impact factors, H-indices, and citation rates, she will dive into the publications themselves quantifying the extent to which they show signs of strong science—things like statistical power, distribution of p-values, reporting of null results, the practice of replications etc. Working with Amelia on this project, I learned that Amelia is not only a hard worker, she is also a quick learner, already quite proficient in basic and advanced statistics, and up-to-date on all the relevant literature. She takes feedback very well and as a result of all these qualities, her research drafts improved markedly after each iteration. In short, she has all the qualities I would want my own graduate students/postdocs to possess, and there is no doubt that I would accept her into my own lab.

Amelia also hosted me when I gave a talk at Airlangga University in Surabaya, Indonesia. She was the perfect host—she planned my entire itinerary (including flights and transfers), helped me negotiate customs and immigration, and even translated for me. And she was professional in all matters, including when I needed to reschedule my visit at the last moment because of an illness in my family. Upon seeing her again, I was reminded why I liked her so much when we first met and why I was so eager to work with her.

As you can see, I think very highly of Amelia. She is smart, passionate about science, and hardworking. I wish more of my students were exactly like her. I am certain you will like her.

Sincerely,

Michael Inzlicht, PhD
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