



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

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To whom it may concern

I enthusiastically recommend Matt Lutey for the Assistant Professor position within your department. Matt has presented research at three conferences since 2016, published one paper in a peer reviewed journal and has served as a teaching associate since 2017, teaching one class per semester. Over the past several years, Matt has proved to be a valuable asset as a Graduate Assistant at the University of New Orleans. Matt has served as the Graduate Assistant to several of my colleagues in the Department of Economics and Finance. He also has contributed to faculty at Loyola University in New Orleans. Matt is engaged in interdisciplinary subjects such as computer vision and machine learning which is a valuable asset to the finance field, and will contribute to his job market paper. He has a current working paper that will be submitted to the Southwestern Finance Association. He has engaged in community service volunteering at the habitat for humanity. He is on track to finish all the requirements for the Ph.D. in Financial Economics by May of 2019. I have known Matt since the fall of 2014 as a graduate assistant, as a Ph.D. student in my Financial Markets course, dissertation workshop, and seminar in financial markets course. I have also known Matt as a Ph.D. student, Graduate Assistant, and Teaching Assistant, and co-author.

Since the summer of 2017, Matt has also served as a Teaching Associate with our Department. His duties include teaching one class per semester. Over the course of his graduate career at the University of New Orleans, Matt has taught Principles of Finance, Business Statistics, Money and Banking, and Microeconomics. It is apparent that Matt takes a great deal of pride in being an effective teacher. Matt's experience as an effective instructor across a range of topics in finance will make him a valuable contributor to the quality of instruction at your institution.

Matt has presented papers at the Southwest Finance Association (SWFA), Eastern Finance Association (EFA), World Business Institute, and will participate in the Financial Management Association (FMA) meetings this fall. He has also presented at the ASBBS Conference in Las Vegas (2013) and at the MBAA conference in Chicago (2014). He also served as a discussant at the MBAA, and SWFA conferences. His work has always been excellent, and it is clear that he will continue to contribute to the field outside the scope of teaching and personal research.

Matt has served as a graduate assistant and teaching assistant for MBA, undergraduate, and Ph.D. level courses. (Fundamentals of Financial Management, Principles of financial management, Mathematical Economics, and Econometrics II respectively.) Matt has all the

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qualities that make a superior faculty member. His combination of research and writing skills, as well as his effective teaching methods make him an ideal addition for any institution that prides itself on effective teaching and producing quality academic research.

In addition, Matt also contributes significantly in other areas of academic service, including participating in the peer-review process and participating and presenting at related conferences. He also has experience in other related academic activities such as student-managed funds. I have known him personally for the past several years. He is a diligent, hard worker who always puts out a quality product. In addition, he has a good attitude that makes working with him a positive and valuable experience.

Please contact me if you have additional queries about Matt Lutey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Kabir Hassan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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