

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Amy Cook  
Recommenders Institution: Evergreen State College  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Dr.  
Contact Name: Jordan Elie  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 12/16/2022 12:15 PM  
Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108556058

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.  
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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January 16, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Jordan Elie for the Masters of Environmental Studies Program at The Evergreen State College. Jordan was a student in my program at Evergree, Vertebrate Zoology, in Fall 2021. Vertebrate Zoology was a 1-quarter program that focused on the ecology, behavior, and evolution of vertebrates.

Jordan was a dedicated student with a strong interest in vertebrate biology and he demonstrated several attributes that make me think that he will be successful in graduate school. First, as part of the Vertebrate Biology program, Jordan did an independent research project on diving behavior in captive penguins based on observations on live aquarium webcams. This project demonstrated Jordan's ability to apply both a formal protocol and concepts he had learned in class to a novel system. His design and execution of the project clearly showed a solid understanding of good scientific practice, from the development of a set of research questions, through research in the primary literature to gather background on his system and extensive observations of aquarium webcam footage, to the presentation of his findings both in a written paper and a presentation to the class. Through this work Jordan has gained both hands-on experience in vertebrate behavior and a better understanding of how scientific research works. He demonstrated strong problem-solving skills when he encountered difficulties in his research.

The second attribute the I think will contribute to Jordan's success in graduate school is his maturity and solid work habits. Throughout the program Jordan sought out every opportunity available to deepen his understanding of vertebrate biology and to gain new skills. Lastly, even in a program focused on a single narrow theme, he drew from a wide variety of disciplinary tools to explore vertebrate zoology. His academic work throughout the program was exemplary and demonstrated strong integrative learning. Jordan clearly gained a detailed practical understanding of field techniques in ecology and vertebrate behavior. Jordan's performance in the program revealed him as a critical thinker with a keen analytical mind and the ability to pull together ideas from a wide variety of sources.

I believe that these have been some of the key foundational pieces that Jordan has gained in the program and demonstrated in his undergraduate career and I am confident that he would do well in the MES program at



Evergreen. I feel that he has a strong future as a well-rounded scientist who engages in deep, interdisciplinary thinking and can see and communicate how his work fits into a larger context.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and the last name "Cook" clearly distinguishable.

Dr. Amy Cook

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