

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Incomplete	Iteration Name:	202410_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Krishna Chowdary	Recommenders Title:	Faculty
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Colin Lamb
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	03/15/2023 09:20 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant with reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000109273484	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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Dear MES colleagues

Colin Lamb has asked me to serve as a reference for his application to the MES program at Evergreen. I encouraged Colin to ask faculty who had served as his seminar leader or for his more advanced work, but he had trouble getting responses from them. Since Colin is a transfer student and has taken multi-quarter programs since starting at Evergreen, he has a small pool of faculty to draw from.

I was one of the faculty in Colin's first program (Climate Foundations: Political Ecology and Political Economy, FW2021-22). I evaluated Colin's work in climate science and quantitative literacy in fall quarter and in climate action in winter quarter. Savvina Chowdhury was Colin's seminar faculty in fall, and Shangrila Joshi facilitated Colin's project work in winter.

The final evaluation of Colin's work in Climate Foundations offers a nuanced snapshot of his progress. Colin was enthusiastic and a good contributor to our learning community, learning to channel his enthusiasm and eclectic knowledge towards moving our collective learning efforts forward. His passion for the material was clear, but translated unevenly into regular assignment completion. Savvina and Shangrila describe his work in the social science parts of the program quite favorably. His work in the more natural science and quantitative parts of the program was less strong.

I think it quite likely that as Colin became more used to Evergreen and matured academically, some of the challenges he faced in his first two quarters were less present. He was clearly on an upward trajectory in many parts of Climate Foundations. I hope his evaluation from the Practice of Organic Farming program shows that continued improvement. Based on his work in Climate Foundations, I think that with the right support and structures, Colin can be prepared for advanced and independent work.

Sincerely,

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