

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Paula Schofield
Recommenders Institution: The Evergreen State College

Recommenders Title: Member of the Faculty
(Chemistry)

Contact Name: Zoe Ortega

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: 06/16/2023 10:20 AM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110042474

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

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

Description:

Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radius>

Other Information

Created Time: 06/13/2023 05:45 PM

Created By: Josephine Bernier

Modified Time: 06/16/2023 10:20 AM

Modified By: Josephine Bernier



Letter of Recommendation: Zoe Ortega

June 16, 2023

This letter is in support of Zoe Ortega's application to Evergreen's MES program. Zoe was enrolled in the rigorous team taught interdisciplinary environmental science program: Environmental Biology and Chemistry (2021-22). I taught organic chemistry and environmental chemistry to her within this program, and due to extensive class, workshop, seminar, field and laboratory time, I got to know Zoe well. I have an excellent insight into her abilities and ambitions, how she interacts with others, and feel comfortable writing this recommendation.

Zoe was a dedicated student who clearly showed a passion for environmental science. Her dedication to learn was reflected in her attendance, quality of work, and overall participation in class and lab/field activities. She was motivated to succeed in all areas of the program, and in particular, showed a keen interest in how they relate to current environmental issues.

Of note, Zoe worked very well on all aspects of the interdisciplinary field assessment and lab projects. These included the characterization of soil microbial communities via phospholipid fatty acid/FAME analysis; an in-depth study (discharge, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, temperature) of McLane Creek, a rural salmon spawning creek that drains into Eld Inlet of Puget Sound; a BOD₅ study of the college campus natural waters; and the examination of ground water flow in reference to petrochemical pollution. Through these projects Zoe developed strong analytical skills, both quantitative and qualitative, and demonstrated the ability to communicate scientific concepts effectively, both written and orally. Moreover, Zoe used her knowledge from a variety of disciplines to solve real world, interdisciplinary problems.

In addition, Zoe demonstrated the ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team. She actively participated in workshops, discussing and solving problems with group members.

Zoe's dedication to environmental studies, interdisciplinary training, work ethic, analytical skills, communication skills and ability to work as part of a team, all make her an ideal candidate for the MES program. I fully support Zoe's application and highly recommend her to you.

Sincerely,

Paula Schofield, Ph.D.
Lab I 3026, x 6013
schofiep@evergreen.edu