

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Katrina Kuh	Recommenders Title:	Haub Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law
Recommenders Institution:	Elisabeth Haub School of Law	Contact Name:	Madison Roberts
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	11/25/2022 05:37 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000108415865	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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May 23, 2022

Re: Recommendation of Madison Roberts

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Madison Roberts for entry into an LLM or environmental graduate program. I've had the pleasure of having Madison as a student in three classes. She is a diligent student who is committed to the development of environmental law and policy and has a very strong capacity to understand complex scientific issues and incorporate them into policy analysis. She is also a lovely person; I've very much enjoyed working with her.

Madison was a student in my Torts course in Fall 2019. She was prepared for and contributed effectively to class discussions and did well on the closed-book midterm and final exams, receiving a score of B. My exams required students to identify and analyze Torts issues based on a complex hypothetical. Madison's ability to do so effectively evidences diligent preparation and a strong capacity for traditional legal analysis.

I also supervised a Guided Research project with Madison in Spring 2021. She independently researched and wrote a 25-page legal research paper, *A Right to Life in Light of the Climate Crisis and the States that Gain the Least from Protecting It*. The paper used recognition of positive obligations, the nondiscrimination principle, the precautionary principle, and myriad agreements and authorities to argue that the right to life encompasses a duty to mitigate climate change. The paper evidenced significant research and effort and ably analyzed a complex and evolving area of international law. Madison received a B on the paper which had many strengths but needed more analytical development.

Madison's growth as a legal writer was evident in my Climate Change Law course in Spring 2022. In addition to being one of the most active and informed contributors to class discussion, Madison authored a deeply researched paper, *Possibilities Below the Permafrost: Conquering Climate Change with Adaptive Mitigation* and received an A- in the course. The paper presents a detailed and thoughtful explanation of the science regarding possibilities for foresting melted permafrost in the Arctic and surveys legal mechanisms under the international climate change treaty regime to promote this adaptive mitigation through forestation. The paper's review of the state of the science is excellent and the paper is well-written, presenting an argument that is thorough, clear, and presented in a logical fashion. The paper will provide a useful contribution to adaptation policy.

As a researcher and writer, Madison is largely self-sufficient. Her significant environmental law interest and background and intellectual curiosity provide her with a strong internal compass—she has no trouble developing interesting perspectives and ideas to pursue in her scholarship. She seems particularly comfortable diving into complex scientific topics and bringing them into legal and policy analysis. She needs no support with respect to research and she has made great strides in her scholarly writing and analysis.

In short, Madison has a keen intellect, strong work ethic, and a deep commitment to environmental protection and environmental justice. I'm confident she would flourish in a graduate program. Please feel free to contact me directly with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K F Kuh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Katrina Fischer Kuh  
Haub Distinguished Professor of  
Environmental Law