Application: Application Verified Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G

Grad Program Applying To: MES Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Recommenders Title: Senior Vice President,

Eric Putnam Operations Director

Recommenders Institution: Arcadis Contact Name: Natalie Smith

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Recommendation Ltrs: review this recommendation. Choice:

Recommendation Form ✓ Recommendation Status: Received

Submitted:

Received Date: 11/18/2022 12:54 PM Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.

Recommendation Type: General Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108365764 Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known Applicant ability as

applicant: self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with Applicant as productive

applicant: member of group:

Relationship with Applicant: Applicant most significant

strengths:

Ability to complete rigourous Responsibility/reliability:

grad program:

Communication Skills - Oral: Communication skills -

written:

Service Ability to work independently:

Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to handle stress: Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem Ability to think creatively:

solve:

Openness to feedback: Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team: Personal/professional

reflection:

**Description Information** 

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Shalimar Pedersen Graduate Credential Advisor The Evergreen State College

## Dear Shalimar:

I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation for Natalie Smith's admission to The Evergreen State College's Master of Environmental Studies graduate studies program.

I have known Natalie for almost two decades and have watched her grow both personally and professionally. I have always known Natalie to be very creative and expressive with an innate ability to realize her dreams. This started with her passion for music, where she paired her ability to connect with people and her tremendous talents with a drive to achieve a degree from the Berklee College of Music, a prestigious institution with stringent admission and graduation standards. She leveraged this degree to pursue multiple opportunities in the music industry, building numerous managerial and person development skills along the way.

I have worked with both of Natalie's parents in the Environmental sector and know them both to be dynamic leaders with very strong technical skills. I see a lot of their traits in Natalie and was excited to see her take action to change her professional direction when she realized she wasn't fulfilled with her career in the music industry. To me this move represents her strongest attributes – she is very driven to achieve outcomes and not settle for something she isn't passionate about. She has always been a steward of the environment and has, over the last few years, actively immersed herself in environmental studies and job opportunities that will underpin her future success in the Environmental industry. Her passion and tenacity to achieve her goals will result in positive outcomes for her own professional development and the urban communities she ultimately supports.

I appreciate you considering this letter of recommendation as you review Natalie's application. Her multi-facetted skillset and career will be an asset to your program and will facilitate her next steps in achieving her personal goals of supporting sustainable environmental planning in urban areas.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to discuss Natalie's application or background in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Eric Putnam

Senior Vice President

Arcadis