

Application Related Information

Application: Application Complete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Robin Baird
Recommenders Institution: Cascadia Research Collective

Recommenders Title: Research Biologist
Contact Name: Alexandra Vanderzee

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: 12/28/2022 07:04 AM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108720743

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

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Other Information

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December 28, 2022

Re: Letter of reference for Alexandra Vanderzee for the Master of Environmental Studies program

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to Alexandra Vanderzee, applying for a position in the MES program at The Evergreen State College. I have known Alex since 2012, co-supervising much of her work with Cascadia Research Collective. During her time at Cascadia she has been involved in most of the range of research activities undertaken by our non-profit, including photo-identification matching (i.e., spending long periods of time at a computer trying to match individuals), small-boat based field research (photo-ID, observer, biopsy sampling) with both baleen whales and odontocete cetaceans, data entry, processing, and management, training interns and new field staff, data analysis and presenting results at conferences, and working on a manuscript to publish some of her work in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

I have worked with many TESC undergraduate and MES students over the years at Cascadia, some as interns and some as graduate students carrying out their MES thesis work with Cascadia. Alex would come into the MES program with a much wider depth of experience relative to her goals with the MES program than most incoming students (all that I have met or interacted with), having participated in a diversity of research activities over more than 10 years. She has been particularly effective at QA/QC with datasets, a rare skill. Alex has a number of qualities that will serve her well as a graduate student in the MES program – she is self-motivated and detail oriented. She works well with others, but also has the ability to work independently and with little supervision.

I would not hesitate to recommend Alex for acceptance into the MES program and think she will excel as a graduate student at TESC. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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