

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Steven Abercrombie  
Recommenders Institution: South Seattle College  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Faculty Coordinator/ FTF Applied Sciences  
Contact Name: Gillian Williams  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 06/27/2023 11:12 AM  
Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110022895

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.  
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
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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# SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

## SBST

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Gillian Williams, a talented and dedicated student and professional whom I have had the privilege of overseeing in the Sustainable Building Science Technology program at South Seattle College (SSC) for the past three years. As a 2005 graduate of the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program and a former member of the EWS Faculty at Evergreen from 2006 – 2012, I have a unique perspective on Gillian's potential as an MES student and TESC applicant. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Gillian at SSC and have witnessed Gillian's performance both as a student and an instructor for the woodworking program at Seattle Central College and as a professional trainer for the Air Barrier Association of America. Through this experience I can recommend Gillian based upon strong academic performance, analytical and research skills, interdisciplinary approach, and direct communication.

1. **Strong Academic Performance:** Gillian consistently exhibits outstanding academic performance throughout her studies in the Sustainable Building Science Technology program. Her consistently high grades in both core and general education courses demonstrate her strong aptitude and passion for the subject matter. Gillian's commitment to academic excellence is evident in her active participation in class and her ability to grasp and apply complex concepts. Gillian's work both in the field, academia, and as a teacher / trainer demonstrate her ongoing intellectual curiosity. In my opinion, this trait is a key success differentiator for students pursuing post-baccalaureate studies.
2. **Analytical and Research Skills:** Gillian dedicated researcher, which she has consistently demonstrated during her time at South Seattle College. Her experience analytically applying research in construction and classroom settings demonstrates her ability translate research to solve complex problems. Her capacity to translate theoretical knowledge into practical solutions has been instrumental in her success academically and beyond the classroom.
3. **Interdisciplinary Approach and Building Air Leakage Testing:** Gillian's interdisciplinary approach is one of her greatest strengths. In addition to her trade background as a union carpenter, she has actively engaged in accelerated skill development to perform large building air leakage testing. Through her dedication to professional growth, Gillian has expanded her skill set and developed expertise in this

critical aspect of sustainable building practice. Her ability to apply her trade experience and incorporate interdisciplinary perspectives has allowed her to be recognized as an emerging trainer for the Air Barrier Association of America where she trains experienced professionals on whole building air leakage testing.

4. Teamwork and Group Dynamics: Gillian's experience in the trades and her time at South Seattle College have shaped her teamwork and communication skills. Gillian has demonstrated the ability to work with a diverse set of teammates in academic, trade, and professional settings. Gillian is very direct and expresses her needs clearly when working with others. This approach has served her extremely well in circumstances where her voice needs to be heard and her informed opinion prioritized. Gillian is a fierce advocate for underrepresented people whose voices should be heard and fastidiously champions safety, sticking strongly to her ethical core.

In conclusion, Gillian Williams is an outstanding student who possesses a unique combination of academic excellence, practical trade experience, and a passion for built environment sustainability. Her strong academic performance, analytical and research skills, interdisciplinary approach, and voice make her an invaluable asset. I am confident that Gillian's dedication, expertise, and commitment to sustainability will contribute to her continued success as an MES student and beyond.

I wholeheartedly recommend Gillian Williams for admission to the Master of Environmental Studies program. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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