

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Victoria Renell  
Recommenders Institution: Hudson Valley Fisheries  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓  
Received Date: 03/06/2025 03:41 AM  
Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121909161

Recommenders Title: Associate Aquaculture Analyst  
Contact Name: Cynthia Garcia  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received  
Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.  
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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Description: Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radius>

#### Other Information

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Cynthia Garcia for the Master's in Environmental Science program at Evergreen State College. I worked alongside Cynthia during her six-month internship at Hudson Valley Fisheries, and was the liaison for her three-month research project. The skills she gained from this experience, her dependability, and ambition make her an ideal candidate for this program.

Cynthia spent the first half of her internship working in production where she was responsible for the daily husbandry of systems, as well as stepping in when needed for fish transfers to count or weight sample. For the second half of her internship, she was assigned a water current velocity research project in the nursery. I worked closely with Cynthia during this project and was able to experience her diligence and excellent time management firsthand. On top of taking the lead on a research project, she was aiding in the nursery daily tasks as well as fish transfers and egg intakes. The research required detailed observations, regular weight and health sampling, and accurate measurements of water current velocities. Cynthia's ability to juggle the demands of research as well as the daily tasks in the nursery proves she will be able to face the challenges of graduate school head on with confidence and resilience.

In the short time I got to know Cynthia, I saw her skills and knowledge of aquaculture grow and strengthen. During her project, she was reliable and hardworking, going above and beyond to ensure the fish were well taken care of. Her communication skills allowed the project to run smoothly and efficiently.

I genuinely enjoyed working with Cynthia. Not only because of her work ethic and attributes described above, but on a personal level she is a joy to work with and has a wonderful demeanor. If you were to afford Cynthia this opportunity, I know you would enjoy working with her as much as I did.

Sincerely,

Victoria Renell

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