

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202610_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MES	Program Name:	MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Wallo Villacorta	Recommenders Title:	Partner
Recommenders Institution:	Marsollier Villacorta LLC	Contact Name:	Carrie Smith
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Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	02/10/2025 08:48 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121734736	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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SUBJECT:
Recommendation of Carrie Smith

DATE:
February 10, 2025

TO:
Admissions Committee
Master of Environmental Studies Program
Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington

Dear Admissions Committee,

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Carrie Smith, who is applying to the Master of Environmental Studies program at Evergreen State College. I had the privilege of working closely with Carrie when she served as the Studio Director in our architectural design practice, MV-LLC. In this high-level position, she played a crucial role in overseeing the daily operations of our studio, and I witnessed first-hand how her exceptional professional skills have had a transformative impact on our work. I am confident that her leadership, analytical skills, and ethical decision-making will make a valuable contribution to the Master of Environmental Studies program at Evergreen.

Carrie's role as Studio Director required not only a deep understanding of design but also the capacity to manage the internal structure and finances of the studio. She was responsible for organizing and overseeing the financial aspects of the business, including preparing monthly and annual financial statements and projections. Her meticulous attention to detail and ability to analyze complex data were essential in keeping the studio running smoothly. Whether she was managing project timelines, coordinating internal teams, or liaising with external partners, Carrie demonstrated a level of professionalism and foresight that ensured our projects progressed efficiently and effectively.

Carrie also played an instrumental role in the acquisition of new projects for the studio. She skillfully communicated with potential clients, formalized project contracts, and guided negotiations through to the final signing. Her ability to navigate these sensitive conversations was matched by her strong ethical standards. Carrie was a moral and ethical compass for the studio, ensuring that we collaborated only with like-minded individuals who shared our commitment to environmental and ethical responsibility. This careful balance of professional acumen and principled decision-making was one of Carrie's many strengths and helped guide our studio's success.

In addition to her management and negotiation skills, Carrie is an exceptional communicator and a strong writer. The studio regularly relied on her to draft project descriptions, edit website content, and compose formal office documents such as contracts and job descriptions. Her ability to clearly articulate design concepts and present them in an accessible way has always been impressive. Carrie's writing not only communicates information effectively, but it also reflects her deep understanding of the work and her ability to think critically about the issues at hand.

Beyond her primary professional tasks, Carrie also played a key role in internal design reviews and project decision-making. Her thoughtful questions consistently prompted the team to explore new perspectives and to refine our approach. Her ability to engage in discussions that balanced intellectual rigor with ethical considerations made her a trusted voice in shaping the direction of our work.

Carrie's unique combination of leadership, analytical abilities, and ethical clarity, along with her passion for environmental issues, make her an outstanding candidate for the Master of Environmental Studies program at Evergreen State College. I have no doubt that she will thrive in the program and be an invaluable addition to the academic community, and I give her my highest recommendation for admission. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,
Wallo Villacorta



Partner
Marsollier Villacorta LLC