

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: David Shull
Recommenders Institution: Western Washington University
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Doctor
Contact Name: Claire Thompson

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant with reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

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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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Graduate Program
Evergreen State University

I would like to recommend **Kestrel Thompson** for the Master's program in Environmental Studies at Evergreen State University. I have known Kestrel since September 2022 when they took my course *Oceanography Laboratory* (ESCI 322). Kestrel also took my course, *Topics in Marine Ecology* (ESCI 432), a course based on readings from the primary scientific literature. Kestrel performed well in both courses. They received a B+ in *Oceanography Laboratory* and an A in *Topics in Marine Ecology*. In these courses, they demonstrated a keen interest in learning and genuine enthusiasm for science. They can read, understand and discuss topics from the primary literature. They also demonstrated good research and writing skills as well as original thinking through written assignment.

Kestrel has been motivated to care for the environment since they were young. They performed well as a student at Western while concurrently working outside the classroom. This indicates the kind of discipline and time-management skills necessary to succeed in graduate school. I think that the training they received at WWU has prepared them well for pursuing a graduate degree in environmental studies. I have not observed Kestrel in a research setting, nor have I observed them performing independent field work. However, I think Kestrel is fully capable of identifying a research project for a master's thesis and they are capable of carrying out the work.

Sincerely,



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