

#### Application Related Information

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

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	NOM Ó MURCHÚ	Recommenders Title:	Professor
Recommenders Institution:	Western Washington University	Contact Name:	Percival Vogt
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:	03/11/2025 09:09 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121725231	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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Niall Ó Murchú, Chair  
Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies  
Western Washington University  
Re: Percy Vogt, Letter of Recommendation

Dear Admissions Committee,

I write to recommend Percy (Percival) Vogt most strongly to the Evergreen State College's Masters in Environmental Studies. I got to know Mr. Vogt in my Ireland program in the Spring and Summer of 2023.

Percy was a history major at Western Washington University, where he wrote his capstone paper on Joan of Arc and trans identity.

Of all of the students who went on my Ireland program, Percy put in and got the most out of the experience. He consciously sought out gay bars in Dublin to compare the scene to his one experience at such a bar in the United States.

Percy has already taken a course on Irish history with our retired mediavelist, Dr. Sean Murphy. On our field course in Donegal, he jumped at the fact that the second Bród na Gaeltachta (Gaeltacht Pride) festival coincided with our visit. He went on a queer Donegal historical walking tour with the renowned Irish (and Gay) medieval archaeologist Brian Lacey. As Vogt described in his final essay, he was the youngest of seven on the walking tour and the only one without grey hair and feared being the only one without fluent Irish. However, he bonded with the expert leader sharing the experience of being the oldest and youngest of nine, respectively, and introduced Dr. Lacey to a whole vocabulary and lifeworld of Queer American, perhaps global, youth culture. Percy was profoundly moved that the actor Pól Penrose, who heads up the Bród festival, read from the homoerotic sections of the Gaelic epic the *Táin Bó Cúailnge* about the three-day battle between the foster brothers Cú Chulainn and Ferdia.

I share the anecdote above to show the skills and preparation that Percy Vogt will bring to graduate education in Environmental Studies. He is open to intercultural experience and exchange. He places his own identity and life story in a theoretical, comparative, and global context. He engages in historically informed, place-based learning in all of his work.

I am confident that Percy Vogt will be an excellent student for your program. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions. I recommend Mr. Vogt most highly.

Sincerely,  
Niall Ó Murchú