

Application Related Information

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

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Jessica Murray	Recommenders Title:	Postdoctoral Researcher
Recommenders Institution:	University of Illinois Chicago	Contact Name:	Madeleine Yates
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:	03/06/2025 08:31 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000121909238	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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EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

To the admissions committee at Evergreen State College,

I write to enthusiastically recommend Made Yates for the Master's of Environmental Studies Program. Made is a very intelligent, thoughtful, and capable person with incredible passion for environmental science, education, and ecology. I am confident that they will be a wonderful addition to the Evergreen State College community. I met Made in 2024 when they participated in the Organization for Tropical Studies' Tropical Biology field course that I co-coordinated. In the span of one month, students had to design and implement four field research projects in two different tropical ecosystems and present the results to an audience of their peers, professors, and other researchers at the field stations. Unlike their peers in the course, Made was not yet enrolled in graduate school and thus lacked some of the jargon and specific technical skills of their peers (e.g., working in the R statistical environment). Despite this, Made demonstrated their ability to keep up in the intensive environment where students must rapidly design experiments and write manuscripts on little sleep. I saw Made stay up late learning how to use R to analyze their data; struggle through feedback on manuscripts along with their peers; and gain confidence as a researcher. Something that really stood out to me was Made's genuine interest in using science as a tool to generate meaningful, applicable knowledge. For one of their independent

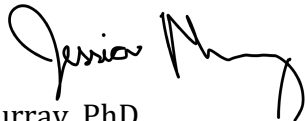
projects, they went to the field station's botanist to ask what research themes might be useful to the station's goals. Made ended up designing a study to test the effectiveness of invasive removal some five or ten years later. I was impressed by how obvious it was to Made that they should approach folks at the station to learn about local objectives and goals; this is not something I've seen in the six years I've been teaching field courses but is an approach I believe is sorely lacking in science.

Their radical community and service-centered approach to research is why I think Evergreen is a good fit for Made. They have the ability and drive to excel in a traditional academic environment, but I know that Evergreen's environment is a place where Made will truly thrive and be able to pursue work that is aligned with their values.

I encourage you to carefully consider Made's application for your Master's program.

Sincerely,

Jessica Murray, PhD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Murray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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