

September 13, 2022

To MiT Admissions Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you regarding India (Kit) White's application to the Master in Teaching program. Kit was a student in my winter 2022 program, *Counting on the Brain* and I got to know her well during that time.

Conscientious, hardworking, and thoughtful are accurate descriptors of Kit as a student. She takes her learning seriously and strives to understand concepts at a deep level. Kit was an active and positive participant in class and in group work and regularly made positive contributions to the learning community.

In her study of neuroscience, Kit did outstanding work, as evidenced by her scores on the weekly quizzes and the final exam. Her scores demonstrated excellent mastery of all the concepts presented. She also was generous with her time and willingly worked with others in the program to help them master the material. In the lab, Kit exhibited solid bench skills. Her lab notebook was excellent, and her lab write-ups indicated a strong understanding of the concepts and an ability to collect and analyze data. She actively engaged in all the hands-on aspects of the labs and workshops and worked well with her lab partners.

Seminars fit Kit's strengths beautifully and she was consistent about being in the thick of the conversation, yet never too much so. Her confidence and open manner often served to lighten or deepen the discussion. Kit engaged enthusiastically in the intellectual exchange and often made astute, significant contributions. Kit's curiosity and interest in the material helped sustain the good spirits and quality of the seminar time. Kit has the natural ability to strike the appropriate balance in a group situation between serving as an active leader or an excellent listener.

Kit often discussed with me her interest in becoming an educator. Given all the attributes I've described above, I have no doubt she will make a positive impact on her future students. It is without reservation that I encourage you to accept her into the program. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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