

#### Application Related Information

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Application:	Application Verified	Iteration Name:	202430_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MIT	Program Name:	MIT

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Jeremy Boley	Recommenders Title:	Director of Programming and Training
Recommenders Institution:	Peace Corps Guatemala	Contact Name:	Vitoria Fonseca
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:	01/29/2024 08:10 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000117392858	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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#### Other Information

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January 29, 2024

To whom it may concern:

I met Ms. Fonseca when she arrived in Guatemala as a Peace Corps Volunteer for the Healthy Schools Project. I oversaw her completion of 10 weeks of pre-service Peace Corps training and her transition to her work site of El Palmar.

Ms. Fonseca was a delight to have in Peace Corps. She is intelligent, personable, and inquisitive. Her varied experience and education has provided her with a solid basis on which to build new information and understanding. She is quick to request additional information to complete her understanding, and takes learning very seriously. Within her community she notably had a strong initiative to make community contacts and work in a collaborative manner, something we value. As such, she did not require additional supervision and we counted on her to utilize her skills and training to participate fully in community development. Unfortunately, her time with Peace Corps was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Fonseca is at least trilingual, and is an expert at cultural adaptation and humility. She integrated quickly into Guatemalan culture, and showed both respect and curiosity. I noted on multiple occasions how she assisted her fellow trainees in understanding and interpreting local customs and traditions. Her abilities were further noted once she transitioned to working with her community partners. She clearly communicated her background and mission, and found mutual understanding with her local partners; quickly developing strong ties and working relationships.

I saw Ms. Fonseca under extremely stressful conditions as we worked to evacuate Peace Corps volunteers from Guatemala. Having already spent six months in country and developed lasting ties with her community and host family, she gracefully accepted the unfortunate circumstances and provided emotional support to her peers. Based on her success during her time in Peace Corps, I have no doubt that she will succeed under similar levers of changing situations in AmeriCorps.

I have no reservations about Ms. Fonseca and believe that she will succeed with AmeriCorps. Her maturity and skills will undoubtedly be an asset to her assignment. She has a strong willingness to serve others and I appreciate your consideration of her application to fulfill this desire.

Warm regards,

Jeremy D. Boley  
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