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To whom it may concern

LISA JANE KIEFER (COOPER)

I met Lisa while she was studying for her undergraduate degree at the University of Johannesburg. During my time lecturing her I was always impressed with her academic ability. Lisa always did extremely well in all her courses, she has an inquiring mind that would not simply accept what is said but rather investigated for herself. Her *ability to learn* made her a joy to have in any class that I taught. Her desire to know more always led her to seek out more information than was prescribed and to evaluate this in a critical manner. This enquiring mind, makes her a good researcher.

Lisa's *research ability* was also illustrated in her assignments, especially her ability to integrate theory and fieldwork. She creatively interpreted and applied research questions and assignments. Her topics were always well thought out and answered. It was clear from her work that she enjoyed the research process. With the right nurturing Lisa will become one of the most creative and productive researchers. Her *attention to detail* meant that her research was always thoroughly conducted and written up. I struggle to recall any occasion where thoughtless mistakes marred her work.

During her undergraduate studies she showed herself to be a *team player* during several group assignments. Lisa has the ability to take charge when needed but always respectfully engaged with her peers, listened and evaluated their ideas. She worked well in group situations while not letting group dynamics change the quality of her work. She has the ability to bring out the best in people in group situations, adding energy and ideas to groups. This ability led to somewhat weaker students shining during group projects.

I highly recommend Lisa.

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