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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Mark Fahim for any opportunity that aligns with his exceptional talents and dedication. I am an assistant professor of Software Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University. I had Mr. Fahim in two classes Analytical Programming with Python in Spring 2024 and Data Driven Decision Making in Summer 2024 and an opportunity and honor to work with him on multiple projects in my team since August 2024.

It is a great joy to teach and learn from Mr. Fahim. I had the opportunity to see how he handled very technical individual projects, in the python course and very research heavy team project in DDDM course. I open multiple channels of communication in my courses as I strongly believe that I should grade holistically when I get to know as much as I can about a student. Mr. Fahim leveraged well all channels of communication, used opportunities for teamwork, individual reflections, class discussions, discussions with me. He helped me understand what other students have issues within python course and allowed me to share it with everyone, while in DDDM course he organized his team and made sure that everyone knows what to do and how. He not only mastered the concepts that I have been teaching but successfully applied them in both class and personal projects.

Mr. Fahim was awarded a Presidential Public Impact Research Award to work with me on "Data-Driven Response to High Opioid Abuse Impact: Leveraging Machine Learning, AI, Health, Social and Economic Determinants". He helped with all parts of the project including but not limited to defining research questions and hypotheses, systematic literature review, envisioning the methodology, integrating domain knowledge with machine-learning and artificial intelligence data and code pipelines and analyzing the results. Mr. Fahim contributed to poster, presentation, and manuscript preparation for conferences and workshops, to grant writing for NIH, NSF and foundations grants, and presented our work at several conferences and workshops.

I strongly believe that Mr. Fahim is unquestionably an exceptional candidate. His work ethics and great achievements suggest that he would greatly benefit from the opportunities for mentorship, fireside chats, and problem-solving challenges. He has proven himself to have the perseverance, initiative, and intellectual creativity necessary to finish anything he sets his sights on. I would therefore highly recommend Mr. Fahim for the Scholarship.

If I can be of any further assistance, or provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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