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Dear Colleague:

Applicants for graduate admission and financial aid in the Department of Computer Science are required to submit three letters of recommendation from current or former professors, work supervisors, or others who may be in a position to support their application.

The graduate programs at The University of Iowa emphasize the development of capabilities and the attainment of knowledge rather than the completion of particular courses or the acquisition of credits. It has been our experience that a student's grade record as an undergraduate is only a partial indication of their ability to do successful graduate work. Therefore, it is important that we have your frank estimate of the student's motivation, basic ability, previous training, and potential for doing original research. It will help us evaluate the qualifications of the applicant if you please comment on these points by completing the Recommendation Form. If you would like to include a letter in addition to the form, it must be on official letterhead and in original form. Photocopies are not accepted.

Please send your sealed letter to Graduate Admissions, Department of Computer Science, The University of Iowa, 14 MacLean Hall, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1419. Both our department and the applicant appreciate your help, and we thank you for your time and effort.

Yours truly,

Padmini Srinivasan, Professor
Director of Graduate Studies
Department of Computer Science
The University of Iowa

Recommendation form

Department of Computer Science
University of Iowa

Name of Applicant: _____

The signature below constitutes a waiver of the candidate's right of access to this reference; if not signed, the reference can be made available to the candidate.

Candidate's signature _____

1. I have known the applicant for ____ years and ____ months.
2. She/he has been: my advisee ____ a student in one of my courses ____ an employee ____ a student in more than one course ____ a personal friend ____ other _____
3. Compared with a typical group of majors in Computer Science at my institution, I would rank the applicant as indicated:

	Out-standing Top 5%	Excellent Top 10%	Good Top 25%	Fair Top 50%	Poor Lower 5%	Unable to Judge
Intellectual ability						
Motivation to study Computer Science						
Preparation for graduate work in Computer Science						
Creativity in research papers and projects						
Ability to speak and write English						
Ability to work independently						

Please provide additional comments on the back of this form or attach a separate letter on official letterhead.

Signature: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____ Date: _____