

Sample LOR: Master's Engineering Applicant

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To the Graduate Admissions Committee,

I recommend Arjun Nair for admission to your MS program in Mechanical Engineering. I taught Arjun two core courses, Heat Transfer and Computational Methods, and supervised his final-year project over ten months, which lets me speak to both his fundamentals and his research behaviour.

Arjun's final-year project modelled thermal management for a small battery pack. Midway through, his simulation results diverged from our bench measurements by a margin that would have sunk the project. Rather than adjusting parameters until the numbers agreed, Arjun rebuilt the mesh, identified a boundary-condition error in the original setup and documented the correction so clearly that we now use his write-up as a template for juniors. The final model matched experiments within acceptable error, and his team presented the work at our state-level technical symposium.

In coursework he stood in the top five percent of a class of 90, but his real distinction is independence. He reads beyond the assigned material, arrives at meetings with attempted solutions rather than questions alone and treats failed runs as information. His software fluency spans the standard CAD and simulation toolchain we teach, plus scripting he taught himself to automate post-processing.

Among the final-year students I have guided in the last five years, Arjun ranks in the top three for research readiness. He is prepared for the rigour of your program, and I recommend him strongly. I am available at the details above for any clarification.

Sincerely,

Dr. Meera Kulkarni

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