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To Whom it May Concern

Letter of support for Lloyd Godson

I write this letter in support of the application by Lloyd Godson. Lloyd is a well-qualified and suitable candidate for postgraduate/doctoral or postgraduate studies. As Lloyds' Honours supervisor at The University of Queensland (UQ) in 2001-2 and now friend, I happily offer my recommendations for your consideration.

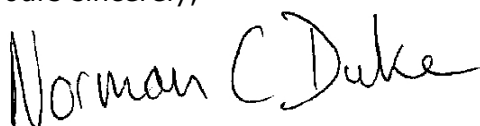
Lloyd achieved high recognition for academic excellence throughout his undergraduate degree. In mid 2002, he received First Class Honours at UQ – one of the top Australian universities. He has been practical, highly motivated to solve research questions, and someone who networks well. During his Honours year, he demonstrated insight, perseverance, dedication, motivation and intelligence to successfully complete his thesis project with a concise, well-written and factual report. His project work was original, and well thought out.

Lloyd joined the Marine Botany Group in 2000, and soon became a strong contributor to our supportive group environment. In the Honours program, he presented a project outline and proceeded to meet the challenges set out in his research objectives. During his Honours year, Lloyd participated also in our Australian-based research projects in Mackay, Cairns, Inisfail, Moreton Bay, and Sydney regions, and tutored in our undergraduate marine education program (2nd and 3rd level) field studies trips in Moreton Bay. He also participated in field studies in Sulawesi, Indonesia, helping collect and process mangrove genetic samples. He works well in team groups, he is a good leader, he is comfortable in different international settings, and he has been an inspirational tutor for undergraduates at UQ.

Lloyd has subsequently been working and traveling around the world, recognizing for example, his internship with the Caribbean Marine Research Center, Lee Stocking Island, Bahamas. In October last year, I worked with him again at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama where he had won a short term fellowship for a research project on oil pollution affecting mangrove forests there. Lloyd worked with Panamanian assistants and myself to complete the project collecting plant growth observations and sediment hydrocarbon samples. Back in Australia, more recently, he has become a local hero with his BioSub project made possible by grant money he won from Australian Geographic.

I have no hesitation in recommending Lloyd to you as someone who is capable, reliable, trustworthy, self-motivated and expected to excel in a postgraduate program.

Yours sincerely,



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