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Letter of recommendation for Mr. Rahul Garg

I have known Rahul as student of the M.Sc. (Geology) course of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, for the last three years. I have taught him in a number of theory courses and one laboratory course, apart from supervising him during a Structural Geology field training course. My recommendation is based on this interaction.

Rahul did his B.Sc. degree from the University of Delhi, which I consider to be one of the best places for undergraduate training in Geology in India. After graduating, he qualified for a seat in the M.Sc. course in the I.I.T. through a tough, All India entrance examination (Joint Admission Test for M.Sc., JAM) which further emphasizes his quality. Rahul has been performing very well here as well; he obtained a CGPA of 9.23, and was among the top students in his batch. In the subjects taught by me, he did very well indeed, with an 'Excellent' grade in Igneous Petrogenesis and Structural Geology Fieldwork, and an 'A' grade and 'Igneous Petrogenesis Laboratory' course. He also did extremely well in the final semester 'Tectonics and Geodynamics' course, conducted online in the pandemic, and got an 'A' grade. In all the national level competitive examinations after completing his Masters, Rahul did brilliantly, with a rank of 8 in the Graduate Aptitude for Engineering (GATE) Examinations, and 15 in the National Eligibility Test (NET) – these are the two premier national level examinations in India for geologists. His GATE rank could easily fetch him a coveted government job, but Rahul is much more keen to pursue a career in academia, and chose to work in a project in the National Institute of Hydrology. As teachers, such commitment among our students is rare but gratifying.

Rahul's primary interest is in Hydrogeology, and his Masters project was also in this discipline. He is extremely motivated in whatever he works on, and I have always regarded him as a budding researcher. Rahul is a very good and sincere team worker. He has all the makings of a top-class researcher. Apart from work, Rahul is an extremely nice person and is an excellent team worker. I wish him the very best, and I have no hesitation in recommending his case for the Dual Degree program between IIT Kharagpur and the University of Manchester.

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Dated 6th March 2022.