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Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Abdulrahman Almurayyi for admission to your doctoral program. I believe Mr. Almurayyi is qualified for this program based on his academic achievement in the M.A. TESOL program at CSU East Bay, his potential as a researcher, and his desire to contribute to educational leadership and educational technology in Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Almurayyi's academic work in the M.A. TEOSL program has been very good to excellent. He took five classes with me: English 6501, Theory and Practice of TESOL I, English 6502, Theory and Practice of TESOL II, English 6503, Second Language Acquisition, English 6506, Sociolinguistics, and English 6508, Supervised Teaching and Tutoring in ESOL. In each of these courses, Mr. Almurayyi distinguished himself as a serious scholar in a number of ways. His course papers and essay exams demonstrated a developing ability to understand and evaluate applied linguistics and pedagogical theories encountered in course readings and in his own library research. His contributions to online and in-class discussions were consistently insightful, underscoring his ability to link theory to practice and his genuine interest in colleagues' ideas. He is currently working on his M.A. TESOL thesis, which involves the development of a Web site for Saudi students who want to improve their academic writing in English as well as a pilot testing of the Web materials with six Saudi students at various proficiency levels.

Although the M.A. TESOL program has more of a teacher-preparation focus than a research focus, Mr. Almurayyi's course work and M.A. thesis work (in progress) suggests his strong potential as a researcher. He is a highly motivated scholar who has the potential to contribute significantly to the educational leadership and educational technology in Saudi Arabia. I support Mr. Almurayyi application to your graduate program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Nielsen".

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