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From Dr G Finlayson

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of MSc (Research Methods) candidature for Aleksandra Kłos, who completed a research internship at the Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds from July 8th to October 7th 2012, under the supervision of Professor John Blundell and myself at the Human Appetite and Energy Balance Laboratories.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Aleksandra during her 3 month research internship and would easily place her near the top of students (UK or foreign) I have supervised in terms of initiative, commitment and enthusiasm.

Her scholarship was not only reflected in the preparation and delivery of scientific seminars, but in an excellent piece of research work conducted in the human appetite and energy balance laboratories at University of Leeds, which will eventually lead to a publication and will be presented at the 2013 European Congress on Obesity in Liverpool. Aleksandra demonstrated she is adept in subject recruitment and the meticulous execution of her experimental work. She was also involved in the experimental design, methodological development (drawing on her experience in Dietetics), and data preparation and analysis using Excel and SPSS.

Aleksandra's inquisitiveness and passion for science and research had a very positive impact on our research team and she has kept in regular contact to update us on her plans. Recently she successfully applied for a travel bursary to attend the European Congress on Obesity, by submitting a short video showcasing her research experience. Such resourcefulness and drive are highly desirable qualities in an MSc candidate. Indeed, such initiative at her age is rare, and she presents an opportunity to secure a candidate of excellence, promising international research achievement.

Personally, Aleksandra is open, of high intellect but modest, and was popular with her peers and senior staff. I would predict great success in those other important aspects of her training, namely team work and leadership, as well as the ability to engage an audience at national and international meetings.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Finlayson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Graham Finlayson
Associate Professor in Biopsychology