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To Whomsoever It May Concern

I am pleased to recommend Madhav Prakash from UWC Mahindra College for undergraduate studies at your institution. He spent 8 weeks as a Research Intern (May-July 2021) at Harappa Learning Pvt Ltd, where I am Founder & Chairman. Over the past three decades, I have worked with several talented, young people, eager to pave their way to the top. Madhav has stood out because of his unparalleled enthusiasm, communication skills, and his go-getter attitude.

The quality of Madhav's deliverables was exceptional, despite the workplace challenges that often intimidate newcomers. I assigned an 8-week-long research project to him which had been in the back of my head for the past few years. Madhav studied the evolution of different schools of thought in higher education–starting all the way from ancient India and the Aristotelian Lyceum, to what we know as the "university" in 2022. Even with a scope so wide, he was able to identify, communicate, and map trends commendably. He presented a crisp research article and a deck which have informed my talks at various national forums. He adeptly referenced literature from journals as well as archives across the world to ensure continuity and depth in his findings. Throughout this period, I was impressed by his relationship skills and direct communication with me.

My team identified his strong communication skills early on, and set him on task to research, and draft keynote speeches for both Shreyasi (CEO, Harappa) and I for various engagements. He examined skilling trends in different industries for presentations at the Economic Times X Harappa Transformation Series. He was able to render complex ideas and concepts in clear, accessible ways to ensure the success of our appearances. Another one of his responsibilities was vetting speakers for a Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) event. With broad guidelines, Madhav identified entrepreneurs, academics, and creative visionaries to build a comprehensive database, and a subsequent shortlist. His notes on their TED talks and other webinars clearly demonstrated how inspired Madhav was by these leaders, and I could see him get excited to share and implement their wisdom into his own work and life. For each of these projects, he presented clean, concise, and timely work–all way beyond his years.

I also had the opportunity to discuss with Madhav his interest in the field of education and anthropology. He is particularly curious about how institutions and structures such as education and class contribute to social hierarchies, and the upliftment of marginalized groups. I am convinced he will find great success as an educator or a social entrepreneur–one who will contribute meaningfully to his community with his entrepreneurial spirit and the disciplinary knowledge he will gain at your prestigious institution.

I strongly endorse Madhav's application and wish him all the best. He will be an asset to any classroom he is a part of. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

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