

Feb 2, 2019

Re: Recommendation letter for Dr. Mais Aljunaidy for Lecturer position

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter of strong support for Dr. Mais Aljunaidy for a Lecturer position at Qatar University. Dr. Aljunaidy has both research and teaching experiences that bodes well for this position focused in medical education.

To provide some background, Dr. Aljunaidy has a clinical background having received her MD in Syria. She then continued her research training in Manchester, UK where she completed a one-year course-based Master's Degree. Dr. Aljunaidy has since completed her PhD with me at the University of Alberta, hence I know Dr. Aljunaidy very well.

Dr. Aljunaidy has had many successes with her PhD program. She has published her research in excellent well-respected journals. In brief, her research has demonstrated that prenatal hypoxia leads to vascular and cardiac dysfunction later in life and that maternal treatment with a placental-targeted antioxidant reduces the long-term impact on cardiovascular function. Notably, Dr. Aljunaidy has been the recipient of many awards for her research presentations including being selected for an oral presentation at Experimental Biology (that primarily only accepts abstracts as poster presentations) with an invited mini-review based on her abstract. Overall, I strongly believe that Dr. Aljunaidy's research experience enables her to be an effective teacher and mentor.

Indeed, Dr. Aljunaidy has proven that she is very capable in teaching and that she has a strong dedication towards a career in teaching. Dr. Aljunaidy has demonstrated her excellence in the teaching realm in a number of ways. She has mentored summer students and undergraduate students and played a significant role in teaching and supporting them throughout their research projects which reflects her penchant for teaching and learning activities. As a lecturer, she has advanced her knowledge about pedagogy by attending a professional development program "Teaching and Learning in Higher Education" offered by University of Alberta and is actively involved in any opportunity that arises for delivering guest lectures. I have observed her presentations in a number of settings that include lab meetings, conferences and her thesis defence and in all these settings, she has impressed her audiences in her presentation style. Notably, Dr. Aljunaidy is able to convey complex topics in an understandable manner to her audiences. This has led to numerous presentation awards throughout her graduate program. Dr. Aljunaidy has also been pro-active in presenting in community-based forums that further attests to her teaching capacity to diverse audiences.

On a personal note, Dr. Aljunaidy is a kind, helpful, competent and generally an overall very nice person. She is engaging and gets along well with everyone in the lab. The students really enjoy learning from her. It has been a great pleasure to have her in my research group over the past 5 years.

In short, I give Dr. Aljunaidy my highest recommendation. Based on her academic training, expertise and personal attributes, I am confident that she will be an excellent candidate for this position. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Davidge', written in a cursive style.

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