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Dr. Shannon Chance

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Dear Dr. Hammond -

The Ireland – United States [Fulbright] Commission for Educational Exchange is a body supported by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Foreign Affairs to operate the Fulbright Program, an educational exchange between the Irish and U.S. Governments. Each year we award approximately 50 Fulbright Awards to Irish and US citizens. I am delighted to have the opportunity to write a letter of support for Dr. Shannon Chance as part of her application for promotion to the rank of Professor at Hampton University.

Dr. Shannon Chance was a US Fulbright Scholar in Engineering Education to Ireland from August 2012 – August 2013. I first met Dr. Chance in 2010 when she was developing an application for the Program. At that first meeting and in every encounter since, I have been impressed by the scope of the tasks that Dr. Chance sets herself and the natural curiosity, determination, organization, energy and empathy with which she executes them. In addition, Dr. Chance is *genuinely* committed to international academic and cultural exchange and collaboration as evidence by her international experience. In my 7 years as Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission I would rank her in the top 5% of US Scholars we have received. This is owing to her personal and professional excellence and heart-felt commitment to cultural exchange, international dialogue and impact.

As evidence by her selection as a Fulbright Scholar and feedback from her host institution, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Dr. Chance's achievements to date are exceptionally well-regarded by academic peers. During her year in Ireland she was actively engaged in DIT's research and teaching activities, policy and curriculum development. Funding applications to further extend the scope of these activities are being pursued. As detailed in her resumé she collaborated on research with DIT colleagues and subsequently developed and delivered a Problem Based Learning course based on the study. In addition to Dr. Chance's academic activities in Ireland she was invited to lecture at academic institutions and conferences to share her experiences and research in Belgium, Greece and Portugal thereby building networks for future collaborations, sharing and gathering ideas.

Dr. Chance constantly seeks new ways to engage students in the learning process, influence policy makers and disseminate knowledge. Throughout her Fulbright experience, Dr. Chance was immersed in the cultural life around her as an observer participant. She actively blogged about her experiences and photographed them resulting in an exhibition and catalogue of her work. This high level of academic and cultural activity was maintained despite a number of personal and health setbacks which Dr. Chance weathered with grace and steadfastness.

I am confident that Dr. Chance's career trajectory will continue to be marked by excellence, innovation and integration. She has strength of academic and personal character that will be an asset to any institution or initiative in which she is involved. I wish Hampton University and Dr. Chance every best wish during these promotional considerations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards

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