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Dear Dr. Lan,

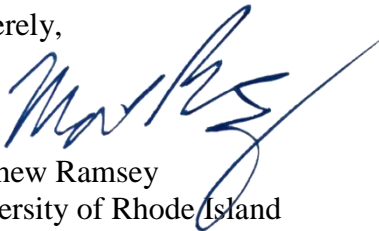
My name is Matthew Ramsey and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Rhode Island. I am writing to recommend Ben Hanson for employment in your lab. I met Ben 2 years ago when he was a sophomore student in my Introductory Microbiology course. Ben performed very well in the course and was an eager participant in class. The next year Ben reached out about doing undergraduate research in my lab and he has worked there for the past year.

Ben has been a great presence in the lab. He's very easy to communicate with and importantly with new students, quite ready to admit when he needs instruction to continue. I and my graduate students have enjoyed having Ben in the lab. He is punctual, consistent with his work and takes care to let others know if his schedule has unanticipated changes. Ben has a very easygoing attitude and I can't imagine he'd have a hard time getting along with his peers in almost any situation.

While my own lab focuses on Microbiology research, Ben has learned many basic molecular biology and cloning techniques and should be able to pick up on whatever you ask of him quite quickly. We had to spend very little time training Ben to be competent in everything we've asked him to do so far. He will have much to learn in a full-time research setting, but I am entirely confident that he will do so quite well and be a positive presence in the lab for everyone.

I would love for Ben to stay here and work for us but he is best served by getting into a more competitive environment where he can learn much more than I can teach him. I fully and enthusiastically recommend him as an entry level research assistant and I hope you consider him. If you would like any specific info please feel free to email me and ask. I'd be happy to help you and Ben in any way.

Sincerely,



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