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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to confirm Mohammad Ghassemi's completion of the *Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program* in June 2015.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers this program for graduate students and postdoctoral associates to augment their research experience with the development of their teaching skills, including exposure to relevant research in teaching and learning and opportunities to reflect on and plan for their future teaching.

Workshops in the 2015 program included:

- Introduction to Research on How People Learn
- Designing a Course and Constructing a Syllabus
- Constructing Effective Problem Sets and Exam Questions
- Planning and Facilitating a Class Session
- Interactive Teaching and Active Learning
- Teaching Inclusively
- Enhancing Learning with Educational Technologies
- Developing a Teaching Philosophy Statement

Mr. Ghassemi completed each workshop in which he contributed to peer discussions and activities designed to help practice teaching methods. Prior to each session, he completed relevant readings and after each session, submitted written exercises. The program also included a short teaching session where Mr. Ghassemi was videotaped presenting part of a lesson to a subset of program participants and an instructor. He received immediate feedback on his teaching performance, as well as provided feedback to other participants.

As you consider Mohammad Ghassemi's application, please view his participation in MIT's *Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program* as evidence of a strong commitment to the teaching enterprise.

Sincerely,

Christine Ortiz
Dean for Graduate Education

Certificate of Completion

Presented to

Mohammad Bhassemi

to certify successful completion of the

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program

June 17, 2015



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