

March 6, 2015

Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Phanindra Kosaraju
For ACI-Missouri Graduate Scholarship

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Phanindra Kosaraju, a current MS Graduate student at the University of Missouri Kansas City, for the ACI-Missouri Chapter 2014-2015 'DJ' Belarbi Graduate Scholarship Award. She has an excellent academic standing throughout his schooling and undergraduate studies in India.

Phanindra is taking several courses with me this semester. They include Steel Design and Seismic Design of Structures. In the two courses he is taking with me this semester I have observed a deep sense of sincerity. He meets with me constantly on various topics and I consider this as being proactive in learning. As this is his first semester, we have not had any exams yet but his performance in the home works submitted has been excellent. He also plans to take up courses on 'Advanced Concrete Design', 'Prestressed Concrete', and 'Design of Structures for Blast and Fire' with me in the coming semesters.

He has discussed with his desire to do research and I plan to engage him actively in the area of 'Response of Bridge Concrete Structures under Blast Loading'. He has met with me several times and expressed a keen interest in pursuing a MS by thesis option. I plan to work with him over the next two years on studying the design aspects and response of bridge structures subjected to blast loading.

In a short, Phanindra has demonstrated the ability and sincerity to be a very diligent student and one who can be entrusted with a responsibility and also been very willing to take on any additional responsibilities assigned and carry them out without much prompting.

Based on his academic and structural engineering background and my interaction with him, I have found him to be an excellent student. He has pursued to work in the area of concrete and plans to continue doing so and hence I whole-heartedly recommend him for the prestigious ACI graduate student award. Please feel free to contact me (816)-235-1288 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ganesh Thiagarajan Ph.D. P.E
Professor-Civil Engineering
University of Missouri-Kansas Cit

