

FACULTY DISSERTATION/THESIS ADVISOR LETTER

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To: Office of International Affairs, University of California, Merced

Subject: Verification of Required Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Dear Office of International Affairs,

As the Dissertation or thesis advisor for [Student Name], I am writing to confirm the data collection activity requiring CPT authorization is required for [Student Name] to complete their dissertation. It is an integral part of the student's degree requirements and not reasonably replaceable by an alternative method or data collection processes.

The course [Course Number] is within the graduate program policies and procedures as a required course to complete the PHD in [Degree Program].

- A description of the dissertation topic or area of research.
- A description of the methodology to be utilized and how it informs the dissertation topic.
- Confirmation that this data collection is required for the completion of the dissertation.
- Confirmation that there are no alternative methods to this data collection process.
- The beginning and end date for the data collection activity
- Confirmation the student has advanced to candidacy and the anticipated defense date.

I certify the CPT is indeed a core and essential part of the student's studies, without which, they would be unable to complete their degree.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Full Name

Job Title

UC Merced Department