

To Whom It May Concern

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It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr Philippe Martin for a senior lecturer or associate professor position in information technology. This recommendation is based on my research and teaching collaboration with Dr Martin, on the fact that he has been a postdoctoral researcher since the end of 1996, that he taught three courses and supervised Master students since 2005, and that he was a research project leader during his years at the DSTC research center. I began working with Dr Martin in 2005 when he became Senior Lecturer at Griffith University. We jointly published four research papers and applied to two very competitive national research grants.

I was part of his "Project Reference Group" during his Griffith E-Learning research fellowship about the use of "Cooperatively updated knowledge bases for e-learning and research" during the second semester of 2006. Thus, I was one of the senior lecturers that accepted and reviewed Dr Martin's use of his research ideas and WebKB-2 knowledge server to enhance our courses. These ideas were original and the feedback from the students was good. We both used WebKB-2 and introduced it to students as part of the lectures and tutorials of my "Bachelor of Multimedia" course (thus, I had the opportunity of observing Dr Martin's lecturing and interactions with students; they were precise and clear). This fellowship of 26,000 AUD (for teaching relief, travels and graphic designer advices) was a recognition by Griffith University of the value and great potential of his research. In 2006 he was one of the five recipients of this grant which is very coveted at Griffith University since all the schools of the three campuses can apply to it. In 2006 Dr Martin was the only recipient from the School of ICT. Finally, his proposal was recognized to be the most forward-looking (yet practical) of all proposals received so far.

Dr Martin is a good researcher and lecturer. He is patient, flexible, hard-working, diligent and friendly, he values precision and consistency, and he strives to have an in-depth knowledge of what he has to talk or write about. The non-renewal of Dr Martin's fixed-term contract at Griffith University was only due to the continuous drop of student enrolments at the School of ICT; this is why 5 permanent senior lecturers had to leave too. Dr Martin is also an efficient code developer; this permitted him to develop Web-based knowledge servers to support his ideas and use them in different kinds of applications. Some of his ideas or research results are listed in his CV or Web pages but some could not be listed, for example the ideas he studied for research grant proposals such as the one we wrote for supporting and exploiting semantically well organised electronic health records.

Thus, I recommend Dr Martin without reservations. Should you need further information about Dr Martin, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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