

Faculty of World Studies

## Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to provide my strong recommendation for Mohammad Afghari for the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies at the University of Toronto. Mohammad is an exceptionally dedicated scholar who has already completed a Ph.D. in History, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Isfahan and is now rigorously pursuing a second Ph.D. in Iranian Studies at the University of Tehran. His academic journey demonstrates not only his deep commitment to the field but also his determination to continuously expand his expertise and contribute meaningfully to the study of Iranian culture and history.

In his current Ph.D. program at the University of Tehran, Mohammad has shown remarkable intellectual curiosity and a strong work ethic. His decision to pursue a second Ph.D. highlights his passion for Iranian Studies and his desire to deepen his knowledge and research capabilities. His ability to engage critically with complex issues and his dedication to producing high-quality work make him an invaluable member of our academic community.

I do not doubt that Mohammad will bring this same level of dedication and scholarly rigor to the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute at the University of Toronto. He is well-prepared to make valuable contributions to your academic community, and I fully support his application for this prestigious fellowship.

Sincerely,

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