

Dear Members of the Graduate Scholarship Committee,

I am writing in unreserved support of Negar Sagharichi's application to the graduate scholarship of your esteemed institute. I have known Negar for somewhat over a year and have actively supervised her since January 2024, first as an integral member of our archive team and later in her impressive capacity as the leader of our fragile collection documentation. Negar has been instrumental in maintaining the smooth operations of our vibrant archive and has dedicated her time and expertise initially as a volunteer and then a research associate. This scholarship will greatly benefit her in her pursuit of a graduate degree and provides her with much support to further her expertise and contribute to the scholarly landscape of Iranian Studies and Art history more broadly.

Throughout our time together, I have consistently observed Negar displaying qualities that set her apart. She is a natural problem solver, a positive influence over her surroundings and an inspiration to people who work with her. Moreover, Negar possesses a unique talent for fostering positive relationships and creating a welcoming environment for others.

We also share the same interest in Iranian art and through our conversations, I recognized her knowledge and her potential for a bright academic future in this field since she is a very disciplined, self-motivated museum expert and is ambitious about her days ahead in the department of Near and Middle Eastern civilizations.

It is in light of this knowledge and experience that I unreservedly nominate Negar for this scholarship. Amid quite a few eligible candidates, I can wholeheartedly vouch for Negar's dedication to and passion for learning, her indisputably vast knowledge of her chosen subject matter and her talent for inspiring others to meet her high standards in the best of spirits. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information regarding her.

Sincerely

Shabnam Golkhandan