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I am writing to support the application of Michael Lykhinin for a position as a technical communicator with your organization.

Mr. Lykhinin was my student in English 5375, Document Design, during the Fall 2001 semester. In this course, students identify and discuss principles of reading comprehension, cognitive psychology, human factors, and graphic design that pertain to paper and electronic documents, evaluate the design of existing documents, and design and test documents for maximum usability. Mr. Lykhinin's postings to the class bulletin board voiced important and original insights and demonstrated admirable dexterity in the analysis and synthesis of the assigned readings. He was also a vital participant in class discussions and a generous contributor to in-class collaborative assignments.

Mr. Lykhinin's major project for this course was a revised design of the information and application materials for the Study Abroad program of Texas Tech University's Office of International Affairs. After careful consideration of both the needs of the audience and the purpose of the documents, Mr. Lykhinin managed to simplify explanations, emphasize critical information verbally and visually, and make the program easier to understand and the application easier to complete.

Mr. Lykhinin is suited, in particular, both personally and academically, for projects involving intercultural communication. He would be a skilled and effective representative for your organization in its international activities.

I believe Mr. Lykhinin is a candidate of considerable promise. He is bright, perceptive, conscientious, and intellectually and emotionally agile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Dragga".

Sam Dragga
Professor and Chair