

REQUEST FOR REFERENCE INTERVIEW

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Type: _ Supervisor _ Listed

Candidate Name: Alessandro Lagana 1087099

Reference Name: Dennis Shasha

Reference Title: Professor of Computer Science, Courant Institute, New York University

What is your relationship with the applicant?

Coauthor and co-algorithm designer on many
bioinformatics projects.

How long have you known the applicant? > 4
years

Where has the applicant worked? In
Catania, in Ohio, some visits to New
York.

What positions has the applicant held?

PhD and Postdoc.

What were the applicant's major responsibilities? Software design and implementation, understanding the literature, improving on the literature

How did the applicant's work compare?

Above Average Average Below Average

Were assignments completed accurately and on time?

Yes No

Did the applicant have any managerial or supervisory responsibilities?

Yes **No**

If so, how many staff were they responsible for?

Describe their managerial style:

Please list some of the applicant's strong points:

Smart, thorough, well read, strong
programmer

Please list some of the applicant's weak points: Should

assert himself more, but this will come with time.

Is this applicant professional in manner and appearance?

Yes **No**

Is there any history of violence you are aware of?

Yes **No**

How would you rate the applicant's written communication skills?

Above Average Average Below Average

How would you rate the applicant's verbal communication skills?

Above Average Average Below Average

How did the applicant react under pressure or in stressful situations?

Above Average Average Below Average ***I haven't experienced
any with him***

Do you have any reason to question the applicant's trustworthiness, reliability,
integrity or honesty?

Yes **No**

Why did the applicant leave their previous jobs or positions? Completed PhD

Would you rehire the applicant?

Yes **No**

Would you recommend the applicant?

Yes **No**

Additional Comments: He has a great future. Give him a productive politics-free environment and he will thrive and science will thrive.