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Letter of Recommendation: Julian Rrushi

Dear Sir:

I highly recommend Julian L. Rrushi for an I3P/DHS fellowship for post-doctoral researchers, junior faculty, and research scientists. I am Julian's advisor while he is a research scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I am his co-advisor for his University of Milan PhD dissertation.

My own background is in systems and security and I have been a professor at the University of Illinois since 1976. I have been the Director of the NSA designated Center for Information Assurance Education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign since 1999.

As a research scholar here and for his Ph.D. thesis, Julian is devising and validating a set of intrusion detection mechanisms for digital instrumentation and control systems in nuclear power plants. Julian is a very capable student, has proved himself in acquiring technical background and for working in interdisciplinary research. Overall, he is highly intelligent, characterized by good analytical skills and patience, thinks critically, and is a hard worker. He has published four research papers in peer reviewed conferences, and has written another two research papers which are currently under review. His papers focus on applying intrusion detection methodologies to distributed control systems, such as are required in critical infrastructures. As such, I believe his work fits every well with the mission of I3P. At a personal level Julian is disciplined and has a pleasant character and I believe he would be a credit to your fellowship program.

In summary, Julian is a young research investigator here at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign whom I enthusiastically recommend for the I3P program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Campbell'.

Roy Campbell
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