### Letter of Recommendation for Graduate School Sample

February 21st, 2019

Office of Graduate Admissions  
University of Iceland  
123 College Address  
Reykjavik, Iceland, 142

Dear Graduate Admissions Committee,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Jess Chen for admission to the University of Iceland’s master’s program in Viking and Medieval Norse Studies. I got to know Jess as her Anglo-Saxon studies professor at the University of South Carolina. During that time, I was thoroughly impressed by Jess’ commitment to understanding and exploring the hidden depths of Anglo-Saxon culture and literature.

While taking my Scandinavian literature course, Jess demonstrated an extraordinary interest and ability to analyze classic Icelandic sagas. Her final paper on the Bandamanna Saga was already on a level that would usually be expected only from a master’s student. In it she analyzed the Christian themes of Saga and explored how they relate to the current perception of Christianity in modern day Iceland.

In addition to Jess’ exceptional academic accomplishments in Nordic studies as an undergraduate, her selflessness and commitment to helping the less fortunate made her an outstanding member of the University of South Carolina’s community. As a member of Habitat for Humanity, she provided invaluable tutelage and mentorship to countless underprivileged children.

It is my strong opinion that Jess would be a tremendous addition to the University of Iceland’s Viking and Medieval Norse Studies graduate program, and she has my highest recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding her character or past academic work.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

Marcus R. Winfield  
Professor of Anglo-Saxon Studies  
University of Maryland