

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT

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February 20, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The University of Mississippi, School of Engineering wishes to invite Dr. Anne Nurmi, a Finnish national, to conduct postdoctoral research in the Department of Electrical Engineering as a visiting J-1 Research Scholar.

The Petitioner

The University of Mississippi was established in 1848 and has 2,219 employees and an annual operating budget of \$1.69 billion. The Department of Electrical Engineering has an undergraduate and graduate program which is active in externally funded research projects and industrial consulting.

The Beneficiary

Dr. Nurmi graduated from the University of Iowa in August of 2005 with a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. She has specialized in advanced electrodynamics. Her research in this field has resulted in presentations of her research at international conferences in Geneva, 2004 and Chicago, 2005.

Dr. Nurmi's credentials make her particularly well-suited for the current research project of vehicular antenna systems funded by the National Science Foundation.

Terms of Research

The Department of Electrical Engineering would like Dr. Nurmi to begin her post-doctoral research with the University of Mississippi on January 22, 2007 with an anticipated completion date of January 21, 2010. Dr. Nurmi will be compensated at a rate of \$32,000 per year.

Sincerely,

Name and Title of Department Chair