

Dear University Core Curriculum Committee:

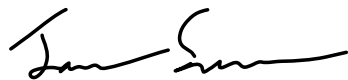
Please consider this letter my endorsement of Jay Hawk's petition for KU Goal 4.2. I am Jay's academic advisor and met with them to discuss their experience abroad. In summer 2019 they had a substantial international research experience that I believe meets the KU Goal 4.2 expectations of a "significant study abroad experience."

Jay interned with the "Centre Européenne pour la Recherche Nucleaire" or CERN (<https://home.cern/>). CERN is the world's largest international organization devoted to physics research. It is located on the border between France and Switzerland near Geneva. Scientists from over 70 countries collaborate on many different experiments to understand how the universe is made. The research at CERN requires people from different nationalities and culture to interact and helps build knowledge and respect for cultures other than one's own (<http://diversity-and-inclusion.web.cern.ch/scope/nationality-and-culture>).

Jay lived and worked in Geneva for several months this past summer. They worked directly with one of the physicists from Italy and attended the Summer Student Program lectures. These lectures bring a diverse group of students together from around the world. Every day they interacted with staff and researchers from a variety of countries. These experiences required Jay to look at the world from different perspectives and to reflect upon their own cultural background. This experience was highly immersive and aligns with KU Core Goal 4.2.

Please reach out if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,



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