



**FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**FOR A FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, ASSISTANTSHIP OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL GRANT**

**CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE**

This letter of reference must be written by a teacher under whom the applicant has studied or pursued research in the proposed field of study or by someone who has supervised the applicant in work related to the proposed field of study. This letter must be in English. If not in English, then an accurate translation must be forwarded to the Fulbright Program Office in the student's home country.

NAME OF APPLICANT: Giorgio VACCHIANO

COUNTRY: Italy

NAME OF REFEREE: Paola NOLA

TITLE Assistant Professor in Climatology and Dendroecology

INSTITUTION OR BUSINESS Department of Landscape and Terrestrial Environments Ecology. University of Pavia.

CITY AND COUNTRY Pavia, Italy.

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? Since 2003
2. IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?  
 Teacher or Professor  Employer or Job Supervisor  Research Adviser  Other (Please specify) Supervisor of joint research project
3. PLEASE PROVIDE A CANDID EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S PAST PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY TO PURSUE AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF STUDY IN THE PROPOSED FIELD. Your statement will be given considerable importance in reviewing this student's application and should, therefore, be as complete and detailed as possible.

I would like to recommend Giorgio Vacchiano as a candidate for a Fulbright Student Program as a Junior Visiting Researcher in the U.S.

In his position PhD student at the University of Turin, Giorgio visited our department at the University of Pavia in many occasions during year 2004. He attended meetings for joint research projects and was responsible for part of our current researches in dendroecology.

Giorgio did an excellent job in this position and was an asset to our organization during his collaboration. He has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done.

Giorgio was always willing to offer his assistance whenever necessary and had an excellent rapport with all the staff involved in the project. He showed a prompt interest in acquiring new methodologies and a great ability to pursue research objectives coming from his original ideas.

I am extremely satisfied of his collaboration with our department and would not hesitate in recommending him to this Commission.



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4. IN THIS RATING CHART, PLEASE EVALUATE THE APPLICANT IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER STUDENTS WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN DURING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Not Applicable
Intellectual Ability	x				
Knowledge of Field	x				
Work Habits		x			
Motivation to Pursue Graduate Study	x				
Seriousness of Purpose		x			
Potential For Significant Future Contribution in Field		x			
Resourcefulness and Initiative	x				
Emotional Maturity		x			
Adaptability to New Situations		x			
Leadership Qualities			x		
Teaching Potential		x			

NAME (print): \_Paola NOLA\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_October 26, 2004.\_\_\_\_\_

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