

**University at Buffalo**  
*State University of New York*

**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

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International Student and Scholar Services  
University at Buffalo  
210 Talbert Hall  
Buffalo, New York 14260  
Re: OPT for Ms. Shriya Sunil Hardikar

To Whom It May Concern:

Shriya Sunil Hardikar will volunteer at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. She will perform the following duties, which directly relate to her field of Computer Science and Engineering.

- Data collection and processing.
- Statistical analysis of data.
- Preparation of academic papers reporting this work.
- Calibration and validation of software tools that apply this analysis in cases of alleged unauthorized use of computers in human game-playing and other forms of plagiarism.

She acquired the necessary expertise during a seminar in Spring 2016 under my guidance. My project in human decision making at chess has garnered national and international recognition, including coverage in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *NPR Weekend Saturday*.

Ms. Hardikar will volunteer for at least 20 hours per week. We will provide evidence attesting to the duration, depth, and effectiveness of the volunteer work, if requested. The aforementioned volunteer work is not in a position that would otherwise be paid and does not violate any United States labor laws.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at (716) 645-4738 or [regan@buffalo.edu](mailto:regan@buffalo.edu).

Yours sincerely

Dr. Kenneth W. Regan