



DECLARAÇÃO

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Interessado: Carlos Henrique Gonçalves Freitas

To the Admissions Committee,

I am pleased to write in support of Mr Carlos Henrique Gonçalves Freitas's application to your Master's programme.

I had the privilege of teaching Carlos in my course Topics on Contemporary Sociology during his Master's in Administration at this University. He distinguished himself as a thoughtful, engaged, and intellectually curious student, demonstrating a strong capacity for critical analysis and a consistent willingness to contribute meaningfully to academic discussion.

Carlos brings a rare and valuable combination of professional and academic experience. His background as a former military officer, together with his training across different areas of the applied social sciences, enables him to approach political questions from multiple perspectives, combining practical insight with theoretical rigour. In both classroom discussions and written assignments, he consistently demonstrated an ability to connect sociological theory to real-world institutional dynamics.

What sets Carlos apart is his intellectual maturity and independence of thought. He has developed a sustained interest in questions concerning the rule of law, institutional reform, and the role of the Armed Forces in democratic societies. In recognition of the quality of his work, we invited him to deliver a seminar within our Institute's Travessia Project. His reflections on the Brazilian context—particularly during a period of political tension—were marked by nuance, balance, and a commendable commitment to democratic principles. He approaches complex and sensitive topics with seriousness, methodological awareness, and a genuine desire to understand.

Carlos is also a highly dedicated and resilient individual. He has demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility and the ability to persevere in the face of personal challenges, while maintaining his academic focus.

I am confident that Carlos is well prepared for postgraduate study. He

has shown the ability to engage critically with scholarly literature, alongside a clear inclination towards research-oriented work. His research interest in the historical role of Brazil's Armed Forces in our political life and its relevance to our democracy is academically relevant and could be a significant contribution to Brazilian society.

I have no hesitation in recommending Carlos for admission to your programme. I am confident that he will contribute meaningfully to academic discussions and will benefit fully from the rigorous intellectual environment of your institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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