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***Department Letter of Support for Outstanding Professor/Researcher template,
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Citizenship and Immigration Services
Nebraska Service Center
850 S Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
ATTN: I-140 Unit

RE: First Preference Employment-Based Permanent Residency Petition by The University of Arizona on behalf of **Dr. John D. Smith**.

Dear Adjudicating Officer:

Enclosed are the I-140 petition and supporting documentation for the Permanent Residency petition for Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith is an internationally known [professor or researcher—pick one], with outstanding ability, in the field of Chemical Engineering.

The Petitioner

Founded in 1885, The University of Arizona is now the nation's 18th-ranked research institution with an enrollment of 45,217, a faculty and staff of 16,271 and a 391-acre campus. UA is a land grant institution, one of a number of federally funded universities created to support colleges of agriculture and conduct research for the public good. In that tradition, UA links its educational, research, and public service programs to needs at the local, state, national, and international levels.

UA has come to be known as having ivy league opportunities at a public university price tag: a state institution which offers nationally-ranked research, top-ranked professors, over 100 majors, and a full range of support services.

The University of Arizona balances a strong research component with an emphasis on teaching—faculty rolls include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners. Its academic reputation is a drawing card for top students. To the wealth of academic choices, add a progressive campus atmosphere, conference winning basketball and football teams, and myriad recreation opportunities.

[Include a paragraph indicating department specific accomplishments.]

Position Requiring Person of Outstanding Ability

The University of Arizona, College of Engineering, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, is offering the position of Associate Professor to Dr. Smith, an internationally known and respected [researcher or professor] in the field of chemical engineering, who will bring extraordinary skills and research experience to this position. The University of Arizona has every intention of employing Dr. Smith for a term of indefinite duration in which he will have an expectation of continued employment

unless there is good cause for termination. This is a tenure track (permanent, continuing, continuing eligible, tenured) position, and the university has every intention of employing Dr. Smith permanently (as that term is defined in 8 CFR 204.5(i)(2)). In this permanent position, he will maintain an active research program and will participate fully—and with distinction—teaching both undergraduate and graduate education, serving as a strong role model for our students.

[Include a paragraph or two detailing the job duties more specifically.]

Outstanding Ability of Beneficiary

Dr. Smith, a citizen of (country), received his undergraduate training and beginning research in chemical engineering (CE) at The University of -----, (country), on (date), 19--. From there, he proceeded to obtain his advanced degrees—M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from The University of ----- . During those years, he served as a research assistant and associate.

Following the completion of his Ph.D. in (month, year), he moved on to serve as visiting research associate in the Department of Chemical Engineering. Upon completion of that experience in 1984 he returned to his home country to apply his knowledge and skills at his alma mater, where he remained until 19--. As outlined in his enclosed curriculum vitae, Dr. Smith has been awarded for his excellence in research from his undergraduate days in T-----, to his graduate studies in S----- and beyond. Continuing to expand his research base internationally, he was awarded the ----- Fellowship in 19—by the European Community for a year of sabbatical work in the Department of Physics at the University of -----, in the UK. In 19—he returned to the US for a period as a visiting scholar.

One of the key indicators of Dr. Smith’s extraordinary contributions in the field of Chemical Engineering came when he was awarded the ----- Award in 19—by the internationally known ----- . This award, which was in the Field of Applications of Science and Technology, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a Latin American technological researcher.

International respect of Dr. Smith’s professional opinion can be seen in several letters related to the review of others’ work in various international professional journals.

Throughout the last few years Dr. X has been extraordinarily prolific in his research writing, having 52 articles published in international, peer-reviewed journals and books, as well as 53 articles included in conference proceedings, and 7 more works submitted for publication. In addition, he has made 53 presentations throughout the world and has submitted 5 more works for presentation internationally.

Based on the foregoing, we submit that Dr. Smith is an alien of extraordinary ability in the field of Chemical Engineering, with a level of knowledge and skill that is possessed by very few individuals. We respectfully request your kind consideration and favorable adjudication of our First Employment-Based Preference petition on behalf of Dr. Smith. The University of Arizona will compensate Dr. Smith at the rate of \$----- per annum.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 520.xxx.xxxx.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

Department Head

[Department Name]