

Letter of Recommendation for Professor Rhonda Sofer

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Prof. Rhonda Sofer, whom I have had the privilege of knowing and working with professionally for more than fifteen years.

I first met Prof. Sofer in December 2010 in my capacity as Head of the National Erasmus+ Office in Georgia. From the very beginning, our professional relationship developed into a close and productive collaboration focused on international cooperation in higher education, institutional development, and European educational programmes, specifically Erasmus+. During this period, I had the opportunity to work closely with Prof. Sofer on numerous initiatives and to observe first-hand her exceptional professional competence, leadership, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

Prof. Sofer possesses an outstanding combination of academic expertise and practical leadership. She is an exceptionally competent, highly organised, and remarkably dependable professional who consistently approaches every responsibility with thorough preparation, strategic vision, and meticulous attention to detail. Throughout our cooperation, I was repeatedly impressed by her ability to coordinate complex international initiatives involving multiple institutions and partners while maintaining the highest standards of quality and professionalism.

Her extensive experience in the international higher education environment is truly remarkable. As Director of the Center for International Relations and Programs at Gordon Academic College for Education, she played a leading role in developing international partnerships and advancing institutional internationalisation. She successfully initiated and coordinated major European Commission projects with Georgian partners, including the TEMPUS project **DOIT** (Development of an International Model for Curriculum Reform in Multicultural Education and Diversity) and the Erasmus+ Capacity Building projects **DARE** (Developing programs for Access of Disadvantaged groups of people and Regions to Higher Education), **ABC** (Access to Better Communication), **CURE** (Curriculum Reform for Promoting Civic Education and Democratic Principles) and **ASSET** (Assessment Tools for new learning environments in higher education institutions), bringing together universities and educational experts from several countries to achieve meaningful and sustainable educational reform.

What distinguishes Prof. Sofer is not only her impressive professional achievements but also her personal qualities. She is exceptionally open-minded, approachable, and respectful of different perspectives and cultures. Having worked successfully with partners from Europe, Israel, Georgia, and many other countries, she demonstrates genuine intercultural sensitivity and the ability to build relationships based on trust, mutual respect, and shared goals.

Prof. Sofer is also an outstanding communicator. She listens carefully, communicates clearly, and has a remarkable ability to bring together individuals from diverse professional

and cultural backgrounds to work towards common objectives. These qualities have made her an exceptionally effective leader of international projects and a trusted colleague whose advice is consistently valued.

Perhaps most importantly, Prof. Sofer is genuinely passionate about education. Throughout the many years that I have known her, I have witnessed her unwavering commitment to improving educational quality, promoting innovation, supporting educators and institutions, and fostering meaningful international collaboration. Her enthusiasm, integrity, and dedication inspire confidence in everyone who has the opportunity to work with her.

Her distinguished career has been recognised internationally, including the award of an Honorary Doctorate from Sokhumi State University in Georgia in recognition of her academic contributions and leadership in curriculum reform and multicultural education. This recognition reflects the high esteem in which she is held by the international academic community.

Over the years, our professional collaboration has evolved into a relationship of mutual respect and friendship, and I have always admired Prof. Sofer's integrity, generosity, and unwavering commitment to advancing education through international cooperation.

Based on my long-standing professional collaboration with Prof. Sofer, I am convinced that establishing an independent educational consulting service in the area of international strategic development is a natural continuation of her distinguished career. She combines deep academic knowledge with extensive practical experience, outstanding organisational abilities, international expertise, excellent communication skills, and an exceptional capacity to analyse institutional needs and develop practical, innovative solutions. I have every confidence that educational institutions and organisations seeking her advice will benefit greatly from her professionalism, integrity, and wealth of experience.

I recommend Prof. Rhonda Sofer without reservation and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter of her professional career.

Should you require any further information, I would be pleased to provide it.

Sincerely,

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