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Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern:

Alejandro de la Puente joined as a graduate student in the physics department at FIU in Fall 2005. Alejandro approached me early in the Fall semester and wanted to get a Ph.D in theoretical physics under my supervision. My research interests lie in the general area of Quantum Field Theory and Alejandro will work on an open problem in this area. Currently, he is working through the basics needed for his research under my regular guidance. He is making good progress and should be able to start on a research problem at the end of Spring 2006.

A good knowledge of parallel computing will help Alejandro in his research. Therefore, I strongly support his application for a CyberBridges Fellowship. Alejandro will have access to a 31 node cluster that is part of the theoretical research group in the physics department. In addition, he will have access to several large clusters at Thomas Jefferson Lab since I am an active research member of the Lattice Hadron Physics Collaboration. Alejandro's work on a research project in Quantum Field Theory will involve grid based computing using the local cluster and this fits in with the goals of the CyberBridges Fellowship program. He will also use the grid based computing facilities at Jlab if the project needs the use of a larger cluster.

Sincerely yours,

Rajamani S. Narayanan
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