



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Davis College

## Landscape Architecture™

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Re: Letter of Support for Lecturer Cade Cook – Davis College Instructor Award

Dear Davis College Instructor Award Committee:

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Lecturer Cade Cook for the Davis College Instructor Award. As the Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture (DoLA) at Texas Tech University, I have had the privilege of observing Lecturer Cook's teaching prowess and dedication to the educational mission of our department and college.

Lecturer Cook has consistently demonstrated exceptional teaching skills, as evidenced by positive feedback from student course evaluations. His ability to engage and inspire students is remarkable. Lecturer Cook teaches five of the six Modeling and Communications courses that are required for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree. By teaching most of the courses in this sequence, he is responsible for a majority of the graphic communication expertise that our students attain during their time in our program. Additionally, Lecturer Cook has also developed and delivered new elective courses, including LARC 4321 – Virtual Landscapes, which was recently approved by TTU as a new elective course.

Furthermore, Lecturer Cook goes beyond classroom teaching as he is always available to meet with students in any course to talk with them about their work and help them create better design solutions. Recently, Lecturer Cook spent a morning meeting with seniors in the capstone course to talk to them about how they could make the graphic communication of their work read more clearly to an audience. Lecturer Cook is also always willing to teach a new course for the department including undergraduate and graduate design studio courses. Through all of this work, Cook actively supports and guides students in their professional development.

Additionally, I would like to highlight Lecturer Cook's valuable research contributions to the department. Lecturer Cook is a Co-PI on a 2023 Davis College Planning Grant that explored an extended reality innovation center. He was a Co-PI on a non-funded research proposal to the National Science Foundation that proposed exploring stormwater and bioretention through extended reality and digital twinning technology.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Lecturer Cook's Davis College Instructor Award nomination. His exceptional teaching abilities, unwavering commitment to students, and dedication to advancing landscape architecture education make him a deserving candidate. I have no doubt that his passion, expertise, and tireless efforts will continue to profoundly impact the students in the DoLA.

Thank you for considering Lecturer Cook for this prestigious award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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