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**Name of Nominee:** Nooshin Salari

As an Assistant Professor at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta, I bring a multidisciplinary perspective that is well-aligned with the mission of the Graduate Council. Before joining McMaster University, I served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering (Engineering Management discipline) at the University of Alberta. My academic background includes a PhD in Operations Research from the University of Toronto, NSERC postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley and the Rotman School of Management, and a Research Associate position at the University of Oxford. I have published 11 peer-reviewed journal articles, including two in prestigious FT50 journals, and taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Alberta, the University of Toronto, and McMaster University.

My commitment to graduate education is reflected in my role as a supervisor for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and research assistants. I have also made significant contributions to academic governance by serving on committees such as the Curriculum Committee for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), the Nomination Committee Award Support, and the NSERC CGSM Committee at the University of Alberta. Additionally, I have chaired examination committees and reviewed NSERC Discovery Grant applications, experiences that have strengthened my ability to evaluate applicants and support the success of graduate students.

I have successfully secured substantial research funding from prominent agencies, including NSERC (NSERC Discovery Grant and NSERC Alliance), Mitacs, SSHRC, and Alberta Innovates. These resources have enabled impactful interdisciplinary collaborations. Partnering with industry leaders like DarkHorse Analytics and leveraging data from Environics Analytics, I am developing practical solutions to critical societal challenges, such as mitigating urban fire risks and ensuring the equitable allocation of public services. Additionally, my research addresses smart city challenges by optimizing decision-making in bike-sharing systems and dynamic ambulance allocation, contributing to the creation of more sustainable, efficient, and equitable urban environments.