

To Whom It May Concern,

I attended the Career Discovery program in the summer of 2001, as a landscape architecture student. After attending the program, I applied and began attending the GSD as an MLA1 student. In my experience, Career Discovery was a terrific introduction to landscape architecture.

At the Career Discovery program, I learned the basics of drawing and drafting, visited seminal landscapes in New England, and learned to look critically at landscapes to comprehend the design intentions beneath the appearance. Most importantly, at Career Discovery I learned to *think* design; to imagine alterations to an existing space, represent the changed space, and then learn from what I have drawn and move forward.

Overall, the Career Discovery program provided me with a detailed understanding of the field of landscape architecture and of the studio way of working. My instructors were deeply engaged in teaching and exploring design, and they supported my ideas while challenging me to improve. The program was intellectually and creatively engaging, and ultimately motivated me to continue in the field.

Without a doubt, I would highly recommend this program to anyone considering graduate study in landscape architecture.

Sincerely,
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