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Dear Brad and George,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation in support of Will Curran's AAAI 2015 Robotics Fellowship application. I have known Will for approximately two years, one as a Masters student at Oregon State, and one as my PhD student. Will's background is in computer science, and his Masters dissertation was in the area of multi-agent systems and generic algorithms. He is one of the first PhD students in our new multidisciplinary Robotics program.

Although Will has a background in genetic algorithms, it would greatly help his career and his dissertation to connect with the AAAI community, to meet his new peer group and potential mentors. Of all of my current graduate students, Will is the one most likely to end up publishing in AAAI, and becoming part of the community sooner rather than later would only be good for his career.

In my move to Oregon State a couple of years ago, I left behind the graduate students with connections to the AAAI community. As I work to rebuild the AI aspects of my research group, Will stands out as the student most likely to be the core of this part of the lab. This, in my mind, makes him a great candidate for a Fellowship.

If there is anything more I can add in support of Will's application, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the addresses above.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Smart