To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Jinyuan Li. **I highly recommend Jinyuan as a worthy candidate for the PhD program at your university.**

As Jinyuan's graduate supervisor during his 2-year graduate courses, I had numerous opportunities to observe and interact with him. **I consider him to be the best student I have ever encountered—he is the most responsible, goal-oriented, and consistently takes concrete actions to achieve his objectives.**

Jinyuan has a strong passion for AI research, coupled with a robust self-motivation and the ability to learn autonomously. For example, when he first met with me after starting his graduate studies, he expressed his desire to pursue a PhD and his ambition to publish a paper in a top-tier conference within his first year. Through continuous exploration and effort, he indeed became the first student in our research group to publish as the first author in a top-tier conference (EMNLP) during his first year. This achievement was just the beginning. After completing his first research project, I witnessed his growth in research taste and capability. His subsequent publications and submissions in top-tier conferences and journals (ACL, TMM, ACM MM) have significantly contributed to advancements in his multimodal subfield. Remarkably, this process required minimal guidance due to his strong independence.

Jinyuan is a reliable and dedicated collaborator. As a core member of my team, he consistently handled the research projects I assigned with excellence. As the fastest-growing student in the group, he often conducted tutorials for other members, sharing the latest developments in research and assisting new students in quickly getting up to speed with their projects. Moreover, I have observed Jinyuan's strong leadership skills. When faced with various challenges in research or projects, he effectively deconstructed problems and managed interpersonal relationships. Through these experiences, I have been deeply impressed by his diligence and perseverance.

I believe Jinyuan possesses all the abilities necessary for a PhD student. All he needs now is time and a platform to further develop his skills. As Jinyuan's graduate advisor, I strongly recommend him for your PhD program. Should you require any further information about Jinyuan, feel free to contact me directly using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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