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Mr. Josh Greenberg  
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
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New York, NY, USA, 10111

RE: *Letter of Continued Support for Mozilla Foundation and Software Carpentry Proposal*

Mr. Greenberg:

Software Carpentry is an innovative and important initiative, and I am writing to express my continued, whole-hearted enthusiasm for supporting the Mozilla Foundation and Software Carpentry through the Sloan Foundation.

On May 16–17, 2012, Dr. Greg Wilson presented a Boot Camp version of the Software Carpentry curriculum at the University of Alberta, and the response was outstanding: over 20 faculty, students, and staff took two days out of their busy schedule to attend. The overwhelming feedback was that the material was excellent and the attendees learned techniques that improve both the quantity and quality of their computational science. This May's Boot Camp continues my collaboration with Dr. Wilson, which also included a July 2009 presentation of the Software Carpentry course. I am pleased that, with the help of the Sloan Foundation, the University of Alberta's community of researchers in mathematics, engineering, and the natural sciences can benefit from Software Carpentry.

I would welcome any opportunity to continue working with Dr. Wilson, the Mozilla Foundation, and the Sloan Foundation on future developments. For example, I would be willing to host one or more of the two-day workshops in the future, as there is clear, on-going interest from local graduate students and researchers. New and continuing initiatives to provide more on-line materials and to broaden the target audience (e.g., to pre-university level students) would be most welcome.

Therefore, I strongly encourage the Sloan Foundation to fund Dr. Wilson's proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Lu".

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