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Mellon Fellowship Selection Committee
The Dietrich School of Arts and Science
University of Pittsburgh
4200 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Dear Fellowship Selection Committee,

I am a fourth-year PhD student in Computer Science. With enthusiasm I am writing to apply for the pre-doctoral Mellon Fellowship. My confidence in applying for this fellowship comes from my excellence in writing, problem solving, quantitative analysis, lab skills, and my passion for research.

I was admitted to the doctoral program in Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh with the honor of the Dietrich School of Arts and Science Fellowship, right after I got my bachelor's degree. At the University of Pittsburgh, I have completed all required course work with a cumulative GPA of 3.88, and passed both the preliminary and comprehensive exams of my doctoral program.

With the guidance of my two advisors, Dr. Rami Melhem and Dr. Taieb Znati, I have made great progress in my thesis work. We come up with an innovative computational model for distributed systems and the project is supported by both NSF and US Department of Energy. I have published two papers as the first author and the third paper is under review. Last year, I was awarded the Research Competition Winner in the Computer Science Department. With a clear mind of my thesis work, I will complete my dissertation proposal within this semester and finish my dissertation defense within one and a half years.

Please feel free to contact me at (412) 736-6651 or xic51@pitt.edu with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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