

21 April, 2016

Dr. Andreas Mueller
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Dear Dr. Mueller,

RE: NSF Grant Proposal "SI2-SSE: Improving Scikit-learn usability and automation"

I am writing to confirm that I intend to be an early adopter of the software technologies described in your proposed grant, entitled "SI2-SSE: Improving Scikit-learn usability and automation". In my roles as Chief Data Scientist of the Center for Population Health Sciences and Assistant Professor of Biostatistics at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, I rely on the Python scientific stack of data analysis packages, including Scikit-learn for much of my work. My primary applications of this software include statistical data modelling (both regression and classification) of biomedical data in epidemiological applications, such as the control of infectious disease, and the construction of statistical models for meta-analysis, in order to support evidence-based medicine. If the proposal is funded, I intend to collaborate with you as detailed in the Project Description.

Best Regards,



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