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**Letter of Recommendation for Waqar Tabish**

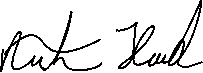
To whom it may concern:

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Waqar Tabish’s application for the PSA travel award.

Waqar is a third-year PhD student under my supervision at the Department of Poultry Science at Auburn University. He has concluded his trials and is currently finishing the analysis of the results and writing his thesis; he plans to graduate in fall. His research is part of a larger project to explore nutritional strategies to optimize performance of broilers under a mild enteric challenge. His tasks are the analysis of the intestinal microbiome and mucosal transcriptome. For this year’s meeting, he has submitted an abstract about the synergistic effects of soluble and insoluble fiber combinations on jejunal and cecal microbiome. His results show which combinations of soluble and insoluble fibers modulate the cecal microbiome and promote beneficial bacteria and suppress potential pathogens.

Waqar is an outstanding graduate student. He is extremely hard-working and creative. He has excellent communication skills has and already given several well-prepared presentations at scientific meetings like the International Poultry Science Forum and the Meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Therefore, I know that Waqar will give a relevant and high-quality presentation about his research described above and I therefore highly recommend Waqar for a travel award.

Sincerely,



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