

## **Motivation**

I am passionate about studying and research. However, my previous supervisor always assigned me so much administrative work (It's all his own non-research and non-school related work, with even his family work included) that I did not have enough time to spend on my studies, which was not in line with my original intention of pursuing a PhD. I was eager to improve my research skills in a new environment rather than doing sundry work for my previous supervisor that has nothing to do with my research (minimal pay and no potential for growth). I value the opportunity for personal growth and development and I'm undaunted by the challenges of the academic path. I am confident in my ability to overcome the challenges and to achieve more and build good relationships with new supervisor and fellow students.

After two years of graduate studies, I've come to realize that the essence of academic research lies in the exploration of knowledge, in-depth investigation, and the practical application of innovation. I am eagerly yearning for a more academically challenging environment where research takes precedence over secondary tasks. I believe that in such an environment, I will have the opportunity to fully develop my research skills, employ innovative research methods, and build valuable relationships with like-minded supervisor and peers. I aspire to integrate my research skills with practical application, and I firmly believe that experimentation, simulation, and ultimate implementation are crucial theoretical methods for generating high-quality and highly cited papers. I look forward to pursuing knowledge, creating meaningful research, and actively participating in the international academic community to drive progress in the field.

Overall, I am completely aware that my previous supervisor seldom conceptualizes ideas in research articles and lacks focus on specific research topics, which means I cannot get positive academic guidance from him. I feel that in such an environment, it will be more difficult to acquire the knowledge I seek and work toward my goal. Consequently, I have grown increasingly eager to find a research environment that aligns better with my personal aspirations. Therefore, I quit my previous lab.

On the next page is a letter of recommendation my previous supervisor had previously written for me, which attests to the fact that even though I was under his tutelage, I still worked very hard and diligently. Despite the fact that my previous supervisor did not provide active academic guidance and often assigned me administrative tasks, I continued to work diligently and earned his recognition.

## **Letter of Recognition**

To whom it may concern,

I, Jong Hyuk Park, full time professor at the department of computer science and engineering, Seoul Nation University of Science and Technology, Seoul, South Korea, testify the following about my student CHEN HAOTIAN.

CHEN HAOTIAN is a student and researcher in my laboratory (Ubiquitous Computing and Security). He joined my laboratory during his undergraduate studies after I proposed to him to continue his masters and PhD studies under my guidance in view of his excellent academic achievements and his hard work that cannot be unnoticeable.

In the bustling atmosphere of the laboratory, CHEN HAOTIAN dedication and work ethic shine brightly among their peers. With unwavering commitment and a thirst for knowledge, CHEN HAOTIAN embodies the essence of hard work and academic excellence.

Graced with exceptional grades, CHEN HAOTIAN consistently demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to his studies. His relentless pursuit of knowledge is evident in the meticulous attention to detail and the remarkable quality of their work. No challenge is too daunting for him; CHEN HAOTIAN approaches every task with an unwavering determination to succeed.

Furthermore, his presence in the classroom is nothing short of exemplary. Without fail, he attends every class, eager to absorb the wisdom imparted by his professors. CHEN HAOTIAN genuine enthusiasm for learning is infectious, inspiring classmates to engage more actively and fostering a stimulating academic environment.

CHEN HAOTIAN contributions extend beyond his personal achievements. CHEN HAOTIAN selflessly offers his expertise and support to the department, taking on additional responsibilities with a genuine willingness to help. Whether it's assisting with administrative tasks, organizing lab equipment, or lending a helping hand to his fellow students, CHEN HAOTIAN is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure the smooth functioning of the department.

What truly sets CHEN HAOTIAN apart, however, is his cooperative and supportive nature. CHEN HAOTIAN fostered a sense of camaraderie among his lab mates, always willing to lend an ear, offer guidance, or collaborate on projects. CHEN HAOTIAN genuine interest in others' success creates a harmonious and productive environment, where ideas are freely exchanged, and teamwork thrives.

In the realm of academic excellence and dedication, CHEN HAOTIAN shines brightly. CHEN HAOTIAN unwavering commitment, exceptional grades, punctuality, selfless contributions to the department, and cooperative nature make him a true asset to both their peers and the institution as a whole. CHEN HAOTIAN presence is not only inspiring but also essential in fostering an environment of growth, learning, and collaboration.

Professor Jong Hyuk Park



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