To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as the primary advisor to **Ege Otenen**, a dedicated Ph.D. student in Informatics at the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, & Cognitive Science Department at Indiana University, to express my unwavering support for her application for the SIGCHI Gary Marsden Travel Award.

Ege's research, a fusion of cognitive science and human-computer interaction (HCI), is a testament to her innovative approach and her commitment to advancing the field of memory technology and human-AI interactions. Her work, which she has developed independently in collaboration with me, has earned her a rightful place as a presenter at the upcoming Human-Agent Interaction conference in Yokohama, Japan, November 2025.

Participation in this prestigious event is not only an honor but a **necessity** for Ege to present her groundbreaking research. Her presence at HAI'25 will allow her to showcase her work, engage in intellectual exchange with her peers and leading experts, and build invaluable connections that will undoubtedly further her academic journey and the field at large.

Unfortunately, the financial constraints of her and limited funding opportunities make it challenging to cover the costs for her travel. In light of this, I wholeheartedly advocate for Ege's receipt of the Luddy Graduate Students: Travel Award. Her attendance at HAI'25 is crucial not only for her personal academic development but also for the enrichment it will bring to the HCI community. I am confident that her contribution will be of significant value and her experiences at the conference will foster further scholarly and practical advancements.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support can make a pivotal difference.

Sincerely,

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