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Letter of Recommendation

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RE: Recommendation of George Corser

To Whom It May Concern,

George Corser would make a fine university professor. I am an associate professor at Oakland University, and the chair of George Corser's doctoral advisory committee. George has demonstrated to me both experience and motivation in several relevant areas, especially (1) grant and proposal writing, (2) research, (3) teaching and (4) outreach and mentoring.

Grant and proposal writing. George has assisted me in drafting material for an NSF grant, and he is currently part of my team developing a proposal for a new master's degree program in cyber security. He has proven to be prompt in responding to requests, and resourceful in identifying useful information and making effective personal contacts to help secure that information.

Research. George has published one journal paper as lead author and two conference papers as lead author. Both conference papers won Best Paper – Runner Up awards. A fourth conference paper was accepted but not published for budgetary reasons. He has two additional papers currently submitted, one as first author and the other as second. He serves as a resource for other researchers in our department and he was part of my team to deliver on an NSF grant called Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU). He is a self-motivated researcher, naturally inquisitive and diligent and I expect even greater things from him as his style develops.

Teaching. In the fall of 2012, I took a sabbatical. On my recommendation, George served as instructor for one of my courses, entitled *Information Security Practice* (CIT448). I had known George since fall 2011. George took a 600-level course from me in information security. Based on his performance in that class I was confident he would teach similar material effectively, though he had not had prior teaching experience at Oakland University. I was right. The course received a student rating of 4.5/5.0 (90%), and many of the materials he developed we used in subsequent offerings of CIT 448.

Outreach. George has served in many capacities to contribute to the university and the community. He helped start a student group, the Oakland University Cyber Security Club, which is now one of the university's largest student organizations. He participated in YesExpo, an outreach program to promote collegiate-level science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education to under-represented primary and secondary school students. He recruited industry executives to serve as judges for the Senior Design Competition and to present doctoral career concepts to undergraduates as part of the aforementioned Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program.

In sum, based on my experience regarding his writing, research, teaching, and outreach, I wholeheartedly endorse him for a position as a university professor.

Sincerely,

Huirong Fu, PhD