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To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Yijie since he undertook the MSc in Economics at Trinity College during the academic year 2012/13. Specifically, I taught him macroeconomics on the programme and then acted as his supervisor for his MSc dissertation.

Yijie entered Trinity on a Government of Ireland scholarship, which attested to his strong undergraduate performance (in the area of finance.) Overall, I think he is a highly capable student. Throughout his time here, he averaged a 2.1, and ranked in the top half of his MSc class. In his dissertation, he examined the housing market in China and the role played by rising house prices on savings behaviour. This was innovative and careful work, and the paper conferred significant insights into the sources of aggregate savings. He is an outstanding researcher.

He is currently working at the Funding and Debt Management Division at the NTMA, and wishes to enhance his skills in the area of mathematical modeling. Given his position, he has a keen interest in financial modeling, especially of bond prices. The interaction of practical work and mathematical techniques is something that appeals a lot to Yijie.

Given his background and interests, I believe your course is a particularly good fit for Yijie. Most notably, he has strong quantitative skills, as evidenced by his performance on the MSc in Economics. This is highly quantitative and requires considerable proficiency in mathematics. Overall, therefore, I am delighted to recommend him,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Scanlon'.

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