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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to strongly support Hernan Palombo's application for a travel grant in order to participate the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), 2017.

Hernan is a fourth year PhD student pursuing study in runtime enforcement of security for distributed systems. He has maintained an excellent GPA, and he is a very hard-working young researcher that is highly motivated and eager to make something with many impacts to happen. Due to the theoretic nature of his research and increasingly tight sources for funding, Hernan has been supported as a teaching assistant in the past several years. With income of about $1,400$ per month, it is extremely difficult, based on that amount of income, to spare enough money to pay for all cost for the trip to attend the conference.

On the other hand, participating this conference is critical for his development as he would have many opportunities to interact with fellow students and to seek valuable suggestions and feedback from domain experts directly. This experience would broaden his view of and increase his dedications to contribute to the security research field. This travel grant would also be another excellent example of engaging underrepresented students into advanced research.

If more information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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