

Personal Information Statement

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I am Xi He from China. I was enrolled in Computing and Information Sciences PhD program in RIT in 2008 and at that time everything seemed just fine since as a PhD student I was waived the tuition fee and got an assistantship which can cover all of my expenses. I studied hard and got a 4.0 GPA in my first year study. At the same time, I cooperated with my advisor and published several papers in conferences. However, my advisor, Dr. Laszewski left RIT in the past summer quarter for his personal reason, and no other faculty in my research field is available. As a result, it is very hard for me to continue my PhD studies without an academic advisor.

This quarter I decide to transfer to Computer Science Master Program and pursue my master degree in RIT. Since I am allowed to transfer some course credits to this program, I just need a few courses and a master thesis to get my master degree. My problem is that I can not apply for jobs like research assistants or teaching assistants. Although I never spent money on traveling or buying a car and I even share a two-bedroom apartment with two other friends, I am afraid that my savings are still not enough to pay for the expensive tuition fee and living expenses, and I also need to support my parents in China.

I have talked to Dr. Bischof, the chair of the Computer Science Master Program, about my financial situation. Based on my good scores, the program might be able to provide some financial support to me. But up to now I am still waiting for the official decision.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.