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Dear Yang,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that we are recommending your admission to the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for graduate study in the Department of Computer Sciences.

For the first academic year, we offer you a 50% Teaching Assistantship (TA), plus a one-year Special CS Scholarship worth \$6,000, the latter being offered only to a select group of TAs. At 2018-19 TA rates, these provide a total stipend of \$26,000, plus tuition remission and health benefits. The TA appointment begins August 20, 2018 and runs through May 19, 2019; you must be present on campus by the start date of this appointment. If you switch to another form of support, such as a Research Assistantship, please let us know before the commencement date of the TA appointment.

We are also guaranteeing you financial support, at the 50% Teaching Assistant level, for your second, third, and fourth academic years, subject to the terms in an enclosed document. This document provides the academic year stipend rate for TA appointments. Note that many students with guaranteed support are offered Research Assistantships (RAs) or fellowships during or after their first year. However, the appointment as a Teaching Assistant is guaranteed to be available, should you need it.

If your program of study goes beyond four years, we intend to continue similar funding for the duration of your program, if funds are available and you maintain satisfactory progress toward your degree.

To acquaint you better with the opportunities here, you are invited to attend our departmental Welcome Weekend March 9-10, 2018. If you cannot attend that weekend, you are welcome to visit us any other time. For more information about Welcome Weekend, see the web site

<http://sacm.cs.wisc.edu/welcome>

If you do visit the department, we will defray some of your travel expenses up to \$400 plus up to three nights of shared hotel accommodation, provided that your visit takes place before April 15. Additional information and details on travel support will be sent to you in the next few days.

Enclosed please find a document that explains our department's concept of satisfactory progress toward your degree and (if applicable) our requirements regarding your mastery of English. We encourage you to watch a short video Why Students Choose Wisconsin CS (<https://vimeo.com/157768093>), as well as additional Wisconsin CS videos (<https://vimeo.com/wisconsin>). We would be happy to provide you with other information about the department, the University, and the Madison area. Please also peruse our website at www.cs.wisc.edu. Questions may be directed to our Graduate Coordinator (Angela Thorp, 608-262-7967, thorp@cs.wisc.edu).

Our department is among the oldest and top-ranked CS departments in the world, renowned for its groundbreaking research in computer architecture, databases, systems, distributed and grid computing, optimization, theory and many other areas of computer science. It has a strong track record of conducting transformative research and building large scale infrastructures such as Condor and CloudLab. More recently, the department has been engaged in new interdisciplinary programs and centers including the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (WID) and the Wisconsin Institute on Software-defined Datacenters of Madison (WISDoM).

In the enclosed brochure you can find more details about our department, student life, and our track record in training outstanding computer scientists. Please note that we have hired many outstanding young professors since the brochure was printed, so you should visit our website to see the complete list of our faculty.

We subscribe to the resolution of the Council of Graduate Schools, which does not require a decision from you until April 15. We ask for a decision from you by that date. Please let us know your decision via the link

https://cs1.cs.wisc.edu/gradapp_form/entry

We have a superb graduate program with alumni who are well prepared for outstanding careers at both the Master's and Ph.D. level. We believe you will be a highly successful graduate student and hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Loh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Professor Guri Sohi
Chair, Computer Sciences Department

Enclosures:
CS Graduate Program Brochure
Satisfactory Progress Criteria

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