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Dear Admission Officers,

I am writing in support of Mr. Zelin Li's application for graduate studies at your institution. Zelin is an undergraduate student at the Ocean University of China and a student researcher for one year (from May 2019 to May 2020) in my laboratory at the Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, with support of the Innovation and Application Training Program of Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Zelin is a passionate student who has a strong desire to learn and to prevail. During the past six months, he has learned to apply bioinformatics tools to carry out basic genomics analysis tasks, including genome assembly, searching for sequences of interested, and visualize results. With these training, Zelin is now capable of assembling mitochondrial genomes with raw genomic DNA sequence as input. What distinguishes Zelin from other students is his willingness to test bioinformatics programs to maximize the quality of analysis, and his ability to summarize and interpret results. Zelin is not afraid of challenging tasks. Although he struggled at the beginning, his continuous efforts have enabled him to become more competent. Additionally, Zelin summarizes the analysis details into protocols that others in the laboratory can follow and learn. I believe that Zelin will achieve much more during the rest of this training program.

In addition to his research capability, Zelin is also a reliable and fun person. He is a team player who respects his colleagues and can collaborate with colleagues on research projects. Zelin is also an effective communicator with the ability to make effective presentations.

Taken together, I have strong believe that, after proper training, Zelin will become a first-rate scientist. Zelin will achieve great goals and become a core member of your institution. Although I am willing to accept Zelin into my laboratory as a graduate student, he has decided to gain experience in an international institution. I respect his decision. I am willing to give Zelin the strongest support. If you need any detailed information, please feel free to contact me (E-mail: chenn@qdio.ac.cn).

Sincerely,

Dr. Nansheng Chen

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