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To
whom it may concern

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I'm currently a PhD student in PragSec Lab at Stony Brook University. I work under the supervision of Professor Nikiforakis, aiming uncover vulnerabilities and practices, that make the web insecure. More specifically, my main research goal is to make web applications safer, by reducing their attack surface through software debloating (My latest work has been presented at Usenix Security 2019). Before starting my PhD, I worked in an incident response team and analyzed vulnerability reports and worked on multiple security projects such as website deface detection, SSL configuration security analysis and also mobile banking applications security. So in that sense, I have been on both of the sides of industry and academia.

My ultimate goal is to become a full time researcher and I find conferences to be a good opportunity to build bigger network and find potential collaborations. Conference talks also always spark new ideas in my mind that I can apply to my own research. For this year's ACSAC conference, one of my main motivations to join is based on a submission I made to the ICSS workshop and if our workshop paper is accepted I'll be the person presenting it and I will also join the main conference.

This project is not supported by my adviser and is a topic that I worked on with my colleagues outside the US and I will have to rely on personal funding to present this paper. As a result, I'm really looking forward to this funding to help me cover my expenses if our paper gets accepted.

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