

Dear ACM CCS 2018 Travel Grant Committee Members,

I would like to thank the committee for considering my application for the Student Travel Grant. As I am sure the committee is well aware, my paper (ID Number: ccsf150) has been accepted by the ACM CCS 2018 and I have been accepted to deliver an oral presentation at the conference in Toronto, Canada this October 2019. The committee may not be aware, however, that I am an PhD student in my third year at the Northwest University, China. In the past year, I performed the research on solving captchas at Northwest University under Prof. Dingyi Fang. This work was funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China under grant agreements 61672427. Over the last year, I performed the novel work that my CCS presentation is based on.

Since I am an PhD student, it is rather difficult to obtain funding for the conference expenses through a research grant. I am thankful, then, for the opportunity to apply for the Student Travel Grant, which would enable me to make the trip to Toronto. Furthermore, I am travelling from Xi'an, China to Toronto, Canada, and as such the cost of travel is significant. This will be my first opportunity to attend the CCS, which is a world class and prestigious conference in information security.

I am excited to begin an information security career, and I feel that the opportunity to share the work I have done and meet with leaders in the field will be an excellent platform to establish myself and gain new insight into possible research interests. I am looking forward to attending the CCS, and I kindly request that the committee looks favorably on my application.

Sincerely,

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Estimated Budget for Trip to Toronto, Canada for Attendance of the ACM CCS

| Item Expense | \$CAD | \$USD |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Flight from Xi'an to Toronto | \$1239.61 | \$949.31 |
| Meal @ \$40 per day | \$261.22 | \$200.00 |
| Hotel | \$200.00 | \$153.14 |
| Registration | \$850 | \$650.79 |
| Total | \$2550.85 | \$2152.45 |