Recommendation Letter

To the ACSAC Student Conferenceship Awards Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Yizhu Wen for the ACSAC Student Conferenceship Award. I taught Yizhu in my graduate course on Large Language Models at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2024, where he stood out as one of the most engaged and thoughtful students.

For his course project, Yizhu investigated retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) knowledge database poisoning. He not only reproduced results from a recent conference paper but also proposed and implemented meaningful improvements. His benchmarking showed clear performance gains, and he presented his findings with the rigor and clarity expected of a conference publication.

Yizhu's research interests in large language model security align closely with ACSAC's mission. Attending the conference would allow him to share his insights, learn from experts, and deepen his skills through workshops.

As a graduate student with limited resources, Yizhu faces financial barriers to participation. This award would make a critical difference in enabling him to attend.

I strongly recommend Yizhu for the ACSAC Student Conferenceship Award. He has the intellectual curiosity, work ethic, and collaborative spirit to both benefit from and contribute to this conference.

Sincerely,

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