

Student Conferenceship Application

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Dear Student Conferenceship Committee,

I'm writing this letter to apply for a student conferenceship of ACSAC 2025 hosted in Honolulu, HI. I am a second-year Ph.D. student in Computer Science at Colorado School of Mines, advised by Dr. Guannan Liu. My advisor currently has a paper under minor revision (#288), and I would like to take the opportunity to travel with him to learn more about cutting edge research as well as to engage with the community.

My research focuses on human-factor security and underage protection. My first research project investigates shift-induced typosquatting in domains and mobile apps, and my current project centers on cyberbullying and online abuse detection. Both are under review at top-tier security conferences. My research interests strongly align with the topics covered in ACSAC, particularly in Usability and Human-centered Security, Web Security, and Application Security. Attending ACSAC will allow me to learn from presentations in these areas, gain new insights for my research, and exchange ideas with others in similar fields.

Besides research, I see ACSAC as an important chance to expand my professional network. Meeting and interacting with established researchers and peers will not only broaden my academic connections but also open potential opportunities for future collaboration. As a female PhD student working on security, I'm especially looking forward to connecting with other fellow female students and researchers to build professional relationships and supportive friendships within the community.

In summary, I would be grateful if ACSAC could support me with a travel grant to attend the conference. A letter from my advisor explaining my current funding information is attached along with this application. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at huimin_zhao@mines.edu.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Huimin Zhao