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Dear Student Conferenceships Committee,

I am writing to recommend Ms. Huimin Zhao for the ACSAC Student Conferenceship this year. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the Colorado School of Mines and Huimin is one of my Ph.D. students.

Huimin is currently in her second year, and her research interests lie in human factor security and child protection, which are closely aligned with the topics of interest for ACSAC. She has consistently demonstrated talent, perseverance, and intellectual curiosity in both her coursework and research with an outstanding academic record and exceptional motivation. She has already submitted two research papers in top-tier security conferences and is actively working on continuing her research toward her third publication. She has shown remarkable progress in developing her research skills and I am confident that she has the potential to become a productive and creative researcher in the field of security and privacy.

Attending ACSAC this year will provide her with invaluable opportunities to deepen her understanding of cutting-edge security research and to receive feedback from the broader community. Since I will attend the ACSAC conference this year as an author, the travel grant will allow Huimin to attend the conference with me and engage directly with leading researchers in the field. This experience will not only strengthen her doctoral studies, but also play a vital role in shaping her future research career. I also believe that attending ACSAC is a great opportunity for Huimin to meet other female researchers in the area of interest.

Given the limited funding resources available in our research group, this travel grant will be crucial in allowing Huimin to participate at ACSAC 2025. I am committed to supporting her attendance and will cover any travel expenses beyond what the grant provides. If you have any questions about Huimin's application, feel free to contact me at 305-318-5685 or email me at guannan.liu@mines.edu.

Your favorable consideration of his application will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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