



Department of Computer Science

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Student Volunteer Program
ICSE Organizing Committee

Dear Committee:

Mr. Thanhvu Nguyen has applied to be a student volunteer at this year's ICSE in Zurich. Mr. Nguyen is a graduate student in the Computer Science Department at University of New Mexico. He is in good standing, having completed all of the requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation, which he expects to complete in the next twelve months. He is one of the best students in the department and will be presenting a paper at ICSE on which he is the first author.

Mr. Nguyen will make an outstanding student volunteer in almost any capacity. He has an outgoing personality, is extraordinarily reliable and well-organized in terms of meeting deadlines, and he always goes beyond the call of duty to get a job done. He is the current "system administrator" in my lab and goes to great lengths to help all of us keep our systems running. He grew up in the U.S. and is fluent in English, although he speaks with an accent. Finally, he is unusually generous and helpful to his fellow students. As an example, I have one student in my lab with a medical condition that keeps him isolated from most other students. Vu regularly reaches out to this student, taking him out to dinner once a week, checking on him if he is absent for a couple of days, etc.

In summary, Vu will make an excellent volunteer and I recommend him to you enthusiastically.

Very truly yours,

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