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ICSE 2012 Student Volunteers Co-Chairs

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Dear Student Volunteer Co-Chairs:

I would like to recommend Yechen Qiao as a volunteer for ICSE. I have known Yechen for three years. He took my OOP course, then took a research independent study with me a year ago, then worked for me as a grader, and has been doing research with me for the past six months on two different projects.

Yechen is extremely bright, hard working, and has the ability to do self-directed work. I have chosen to fund him under my NSF CAREER award rather than a graduate student because I can get more useful work from him in 10 hours a week than in 20 hours a week with a graduate student. If I need someone to figure out how a tool works or understand a difficult paper he is the one to give it to - he will not give up until he has solved the problem. Yechen and my other students did an outstanding job all pulling together to meet the December 1 deadline for our ICSE NIER paper (which was accepted).

Yechen is not a native speaker. His written English is very good although occasionally a small mistake will alert me to the fact that he is not a native speaker. He does have an accent but he has done well when he has spoken in class though so I do not think he would have any difficulty working at the conference.

Most of the work I have done with Yechen has been with him working alone until the last few months. He works well individually and also as a member of a team.

Yechen is graduating this Spring and will continue for graduate school. I am hoping I will get to keep him as a research assistant but he has applied to larger programs as well and they would be lucky to get him.

Sincerely,

Janet E. Burge, PhD
Associate Professor
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