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Dear Chairs of the ICSE 2012 Student Volunteer program,

I write this letter in support of Ian (Weiyi) Shang's application to volunteer at ICSE 2012. Ian has a paper accepted in the Doctoral Symposium at ICSE 2012. Attending the Doctoral Symposium is very crucial to his PhD research work, and his academic career. At the symposium, Ian will receive first-hand feedback and comments from top researchers in the software engineering field.

Ian is a strong communicator, both verbally and in writing. During his Masters studies, he helped me in managing various aspect of a summer school in Mining Software Repositories that I organized at Queen's University in Canada.

As a PhD student, his communication and organization skills continue to shine. I can attest for his ability to multitasking and working on multiple projects. For example, Ian was able to conduct experiments with an industrial partner, while at the same time, working on other research work that he published at the same time. I firmly believe that he was able to accomplish this due to his strong organizational skills. He also leads and organizes biweekly meetings with my industrial partners.

Ian is always willing to lend a helping hand to others in and outside our lab. He is always willing to volunteer and provide feedback on others' work or teach other junior students how to use a new tool or to write their first paper.

I believe that Ian has the necessary skill set to be an exceptional student volunteer at ICSE 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

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