



**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

Office of the Dean

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To Whom It May Concern:

██████████ is asking for admission to the United States as a nonimmigrant on a J-1 exchange visitor visa so that he can continue his scientific research as a ██████████ Fellow at Tufts University. He is currently out of the United States, having traveled to visit his family over the holidays, and is seeking to return to his home in Massachusetts.

██████████ joined Tufts University as a postdoctoral research fellow in June 2016 specializing in water governance and the ethics and philosophy of technology, including the study of water apportionment methods, hydraulic heritage systems and flood prevention. Prior to coming to Tufts, ██████████ studied and distinguished himself at ██████████ University ██████████ in the Netherlands, where he received his Ph.D. and was advised by Marc J. de Vries and Ibo van De Poel, two leaders in the field of ethics and technology. Before entering academia, ██████████ was a project manager for a consultant engineering company and worked as a design engineer in the field of renewable energy.

I am Jianmin Qu, Dean of the School of Engineering, and know of ██████████ because of his work in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at our University. ██████████ is in the midst of an academic collaboration with a team of researchers from Tufts, MIT and Harvard on multi-jurisdictional water policy using a technique called the “water diplomacy framework”. It is vitally important that ██████████ return to the United States in order to complete this work and resume his responsibilities within our Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Those at Tufts who work directly with ██████████ speak very highly of his work and commitment to his colleagues. We look forward to his return to Tufts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jianmin Qu".

Jianmin Qu, Ph.D.  
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