

Dear Sir/Madam/ To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter in support of Mr. Yaping Lu's application to your esteemed university.

I am Jingbo Xia, an associate professor of department of bio-statistics, college of informatics, Hubei key laboratory of agricultural bioinformatics, Huazhong agricultural university (HZAU). I am his executive instructor, and the main supervising direction is bio statistics and bio natural language process. I previously taught him linear algebra when he was the member of 'Zhang Zhidong Class', an innovative experiment class consist of chosen elite students in campus.

I believe Lu is well trained in science and fully prepared for a research position. Being a master candidate, he involved in sufficient research works and built basis for bio-statistics, genotype-phenotype analysis, and some biomedical text mining theory. He had his name addressed as the first author in a nice publication in *the Frontier of Plant Science*. Meanwhile, several other manuscripts, in which he took import parts, are under drafting now.

Lu is diligent, passionate, and of high efficiency in undertaking research projects. This young man also dreamed and nicely shaped his research career. I love this way! With the academic background in veterinary medicine discipline (one of the top research areas in HZAU), he also has a wide range of interests in biochemistry, some wet lab knowledge of gene engineering, and knows how to put concentration in one specific area according to research schedule.

Started from the spring of 2014, Lu is an active student in my group. I enjoyed various academic discussions with him, and regarded him as a nice coworker. He has sharp insight on biology issues owing to his good command of biological knowledge. Moreover, he is independent and innovative, and is capable of bringing tactics to solve problem. In addition, Lu himself is a popular member in our team. He is good to interact and cooperate with his teammates. Furthermore, his presentation skills are nice, as well as of high proficiency in English.

This young man deserves a chance to get good training to achieve his full potential. I strongly suggest he further his study in a Ph.D. program and broaden his research vision. Upon my observation, I strongly believe that Mr. Yangping Lu has the potential to be a nice scholar in the Ph.D. program at your university, and **I therefore recommend him without reservation.**

Below is a table about scores on Mr. Lu Yaping's abilities. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Email me to: [xiajingbo.math@gmail.com](mailto:xiajingbo.math@gmail.com) or [xjb@mail.hzau.edu.cn](mailto:xjb@mail.hzau.edu.cn). My contact number is (+86) 133-9711-5029 or (+1) 682-551-8289. The electronic copy of this reference letter is offered in my pages, <http://xiajingbo.weebly.com/ReferenceLetter.html>.

Sincerely,

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**Appendix:**

Scores on Mr. Lu Yaping's abilities:

Motivation and perseverance	5/5
Ability for conducting scholastic research	4.9/5
Capacity for independent work and thinking	4.9/5
Judgment for the research	4.9/5
Imagination and originality	4.8/5
Teamwork	4.9/5
Skills of writing and argumentation	4.8/5
Focus for specific research area	4.6/5
Analytical power and reasoning	4.8/5
Reliability and sense of responsibility	4.9/5
Intellectual potential	4.9/5