

Dear Professor Bogdan Dragnea,

I am writing this letter in strong support of Dr. Cao's application for research fellow position in your lab. Peng is a PhD candidate in my previous mentor's lab back in China and will graduate soon. We had several chances to collaborate and I knew him since. Peng is an outstanding researcher and his scientific record speaks everything. You may know it is still not easy for Chinese scholars to publish their scientific work in peer-reviewed international journals because the depth, novelty of their research and the language. However, Peng is exceptional. As you may have noticed, he already published 4 research papers in international journals including "Immunology Letters", "Biochemie", "Applied microbiology and biotechnology" and "Protein _Expression and Purification" etc. He has also filed two patents and he was awarded by Jiangsu Province Graduate Student Innovation Project. It is quite an achievement for a PhD student. As his prior achievements will reflect, during his 5-year study in Nanjing Normal University, Peng has already mastered most of the techniques in molecular biology, cell biology and biochemistry. Last but not least, I would like to mention that Peng has a charming personality and is liked by everybody in the lab. It is a pleasure to work with him over the years and I believe his personality will be a great asset for his future career. After spending years as a Ph.D. student at Chinese Academy of Sciences and post-doctoral researcher at UC Berkeley and Harvard Medical School, I got to know and befriended many talented students. I am glad to observe that Peng compares favorably with them. I believe he will have a great future as a scientist. I recommend him without reservation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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