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Chuan-Yih Yu
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Dear Mr. Yu:

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been admitted to the Ph.D. program in the Graduate Division of Indiana University's School of Informatics and Computing, beginning in the Fall 2010 semester. Because of the quality of your application, we are also pleased to offer you four years of financial support while you work toward your Ph.D. degree as stated in your admission letter.

You have been chosen to work as an RA (research assistant) with Professor Haixu Tang, and their email address is hatang@indiana.edu. Your duties will be assigned at a later date once you have arrived here at Indiana University.

We believe we have an outstanding graduate program, and we very much hope you will join us.

If you have any questions, please use the contact information below:

Computer Science degree admits – graduate-cs@informatics.indiana.edu

Informatics degree admits – graduate@informatics.indiana.edu



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Dear Mr. Yu:

University ID: 0002408062

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been accepted for graduate study in the doctoral degree (Ph.D.) program at Indiana University's School of Informatics and Computing for the Fall 2010 semester. Because of the quality of your application, we are pleased to offer you four years of financial support, contingent upon your satisfactory progress in the (Ph.D.) program.

Beginning in August 2010, your support for the 2010-2011 academic year will take the form of a half-time (20-hour-per-week) teaching or research assistantship and a tuition fee remission. The assistantship carries a 10-month stipend of \$14,750 plus a tuition fee remission based on 12 credit hours per semester and 6 credit hours in the summer, which is worth \$24,617 for out-of-state students. Altogether your package is worth \$39,367 per year. The tuition fee remission must be used for credit hours required by your degree, and courses paid through fee remission will be approved by your advisor. The tuition fee remission pays for tuition only – this excludes the non-remittable fees required by the State of Indiana and paid by all students, approximately \$27 per credit hour and the universities mandatory fees required each semester, **these are the responsibility of the student**. The value of your tuition fee remission will be increased to cover the difference between the current rate and that of the 2010-2011 academic year, once that rate is officially determined. Here is an important link for Indiana University's Office of the Bursar: <http://www.indiana.edu/~blbursar/> should you need fee information.

We cannot make commitments of financial support for more than four years in the future, but I can tell you that we are usually able to support Ph.D. students after their fourth year if they are in good standing and making good progress.

In addition to the stipend and tuition remission, the department also pays the mandatory health insurance for the 20-hour-per week student academic appointee. You will also receive a one-time payment of \$1,000 to be posted to your Bursar account in the first semester of your first year. You may use this money for any purpose, but many students may choose to purchase a laptop or other technology-related item. Finally, you will also receive a travel allowance of up to \$1,000 during the first two years of study, and \$1,000 for the remaining years of study. **This total package is worth nearly \$170,000 for the four years of study.**

In the School of Informatics and Computing, a teaching assistant ordinarily assists with one course per semester. Your teaching assignment will depend on your background, but your duties may include classroom and laboratory teaching, preparation, attending lectures, grading papers, consulting with students, and developing course materials. A research assistant works closely with a school faculty

member, assisting in the professor's research program. Over the course of your doctoral program we would expect you to engage in both activities.

This support is also contingent upon successful passing of the English Language Examination for Associate Instructors (TEPAIC), which is a test of speaking and listening comprehension and is required for all non native English speakers who are appointed as associate instructors. Failure to pass this exam will result in a \$2,000 reduction in your stipend amount until you pass the exam. You may also be required to take the Indiana English Proficiency Examination upon your arrival. In the unlikely event that you do not pass this examination, you will need to take remedial courses in English.

In accordance with Indiana University procedures, your dossier will now be reviewed by the Office of International Admissions to determine your eligibility for a nonimmigrant student or exchange visitor visa. If you have submitted satisfactory evidence that you now have or will have sufficient funds to finance your proposed program of study at Indiana University, **the Office of International Admissions will send formal notification of admission together with an appropriate visa eligibility certificate (Form I-20 or DS-2019). In addition, this offer is conditional on the establishment of bachelor equivalency, and that if equivalency is not established, the conditional offer will be revoked, and you will not be admitted.**

We believe we have an outstanding graduate program, and we very much hope you will join us. **Our offer of financial support expires on April 15, 2010, but we would appreciate your notifying us of your decision as soon as possible. Send your response to graduate@informatics.indiana.edu.** The offer of an assistantship is subject to you furnishing the federally required documentation showing that you are a U.S. citizen, or that you are a non-citizen authorized to work in the United States for the period of the appointment. **This documentation is not required at this time, but in August when you arrive.**

To begin your transition into the School of Informatics and Computing, you will have a program advisor assigned for you upon your arrival in August. The assigned advisor/faculty member may or may not end up being your research advisor; as selecting a research advisor is a process that comes about once you take courses, engage in research projects, and gain familiarity with the faculty.

We congratulate you on your academic achievements, and we look forward to having you in our doctoral program in the School of Informatics and Computing.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey C. Fox', written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey C. Fox
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies
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Indiana University