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Xiao Wang



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Dear Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald,

I am Xiao Wang, a second year graduate student at Stanford. I'm very grateful because the School of Engineering fellowship really helps me pursue my dream. I'm from an ordinary family in Zhejiang Province, China, so if I didn't receive The Daniel W. MacDonald Memorial Fellowship, I may not have enough financial support, thus I cannot come and study here in Stanford. I worked in Prof. Xiaolin Zheng's lab for three quarters. Previously I planned to pursue a Ph.D. of Mechanical Engineering; however, I found myself more fond of thinking about pure theoretical or even metaphysical questions rather than doing experimental research. After taking some interesting courses in math and computer science, and learning more about logics and languages, I decided to get on another "train" of my life.



Still, I am aiming at contributing knowledge and (hopefully) wisdom to the human beings, and making more people enjoy a peaceful and relaxing life. At Stanford, my life greatly changed compared to a year ago. I adopted vegan diet and almost became a Buddhist. I can feel my soul much more peaceful and stronger than before since Stanford is a good place for meditation and reflection. All these would not be possible if I didn't receive help from friends like you.

Thank you very much again for supporting my graduate study at Stanford. Really thank you!

Yours sincerely,

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