



January 3, 2018

Dr. Huijun Zhang
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Dear Dr. Zhang,

This letter confirms the formal invitation and acceptance of you as a visiting scholar for one year (December 15, 2018 to December 14, 2019) in my lab located in the Horticulture Department, University of Wisconsin at Madison. It is my understanding that you are applying a fellowship sponsored by the China Scholarship Council, which will cover living expenses during your oversea stay as well as flight tickets for travel between China the U.S. We will provide you a bench, research materials and pay all expenses associated with your research during your visit. The Horticulture Department hosts several internationally recognized research programs in Vegetable Genetics, Genomics and Breeding, and we are using various genetic and applied genomics tools including a suite of state-of-the-art technologies in our research to expedite development of vegetable cultivars. I am sure that the research environments in my lab, the Department and the University will be able to accommodate your needs and help you to achieve your goals of visit.

During your one year visit, you are expected to gain research experiences in plant molecular genetics and breeding by participating in research projects in my lab on molecular mapping and cloning of horticulturally important genes in cucumber. You will also have chances to attend various academic activities on and off campus. Based on my communications with you, your academic training, English proficiency and research interests, I am confident that you will be able to achieve your goals of visit.

I wish you good luck for your application of the scholarship. Please let me know if we can be of help to facilitate your application.

Sincerely,

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