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Letter of Recommendation for Qisheng Pan for Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025

I am a structural biologist at the University of Queensland and I am the Chair of the PhD Panel for Qisheng Pan, so I know about his work through regular meetings on the progress of his PhD projects. Qisheng has also given advice a number of my PhD students with regards to computational approaches to protein structure.

I have been very impressed with Qisheng from the start. He started his PhD in 2022 and already published a first-author paper in Brief Bioinform in 2022. He has then had first-author paper in 2023 and 2024, again in Brief Bioinform and in Protein Sci. He has further contributed to papers in Hum Mol Genet, Nucleic Acids Res, Front Immunol and Int J Mol Sci. He has presented his work at a number of conferences, which included oral presentations. He has received an award for outstanding contribution to research, a student prize and several travel awards. I believe Qisheng has an outstanding publication record for this stage of career. I can also judge, based on my interactions with Qisheng during PhD Panel meetings and other interactions with him, that he is highly knowledgeable about his field of study, that he is highly motivated and that he has a very high potential to develop into a science leader. He is planning to graduate in 2025.

In addition to his research, Qisheng has also been active by contributing to the scientific discipline in other ways. He has mentored a number of undergraduate and master's student in his group and he has been involved in tutoring in Master's degree courses and other workshops at the University of Queensland.

In summary, I believe Qisheng is an excellent candidate for this forum and will greatly benefit from this opportunity, which will hopefully represent an important milestone in his research career.

Yours sincerely,



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