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*Statistical Science*

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Dear Leon,

On behalf of the faculty of the Department of Statistical Science, I am authorized to report to you the results of your performance on the qualifying examination (the Basic Exam) and on your graduate coursework taken to date. The faculty's recommendations include consideration of your performance in the theoretical and applied methods components of the curriculum, as well as on your performance on the basic exam. A summary of our evaluation is reported in the table below:

	<b>Satisfactory Performance</b>	
	<b>Master's Level</b>	<b>Doctoral Level</b>
<b>Theory Component</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Applied Methods Component</b>	Yes	Yes

As the above summary indicates, your performance was excellent in both components of the curriculum. The faculty believes that you have demonstrated that you are eligible to proceed in the Statistics PhD program.

I am also delighted to notify you that the faculty have selected you to receive the Scheuren Award for outstanding performance on the theory exam.

You will continue to receive your assistantship for the 2023–2024 academic year.

Congratulations on your achievements to date! We wish you continued success as you proceed toward the doctoral degree.

Sincerely,

Jing Cao  
Professor and Graduate Advisor