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Supporting letter for Mr. Bruno Santos

Dear Sirs:

As Mr. Bruno Santos' advisor I strongly support his application for the student travel grant for attending the 2019 IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference.

Mr. Bruno Santos is a full-time PhD student in Computer Science at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG - *Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais*), Brazil. UFMG is a public university funded by the federal government. This means that students do not pay to study at our university, but the selection process to enter the university is highly competitive since UFMG is considered to be amongst the top three in the country.

Mr. Bruno Santos has completed all requirements (breadth exam, courses, proposal defense and publications) for presenting his thesis oral defense, which is expected to occur this coming May. He has been very successful and outstanding in completing those requirements.

Considering the current Brazilian economic crisis, the budget for travelling abroad from the federal government is very limited (almost inexistent) and travelling expensive is usually high. That is the main reason Mr. Bruno Santos has submitted and published his research results as journal papers (Computer Networks twice and Ad Hoc Networks Journal). It would not be possible for him to attend good conferences where he could have presented his works, given the budget constraints we are facing.

Actually, this will be the very first time Mr. Bruno Santos will attend an international conference before he graduates. Therefore, this will be a great opportunity for him to attend a high-quality conference, be able to interact with other researchers in the communications and networking fields to discuss the state-of-the-art of his current research interests, receiving and giving valuable feedback and insights, and better understand

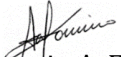
the state-of-the-art of other fields that might interest him in the future. Another reason to attend is to participate in papers and posters presentations to experience in first-hand the current state-of-the-art of various fields and participate in discussions regarding its future.

Finally, WCNC will be the perfect place for him to connect with other researchers from different countries and with members of leading global research groups.

Given all these reasons stated above, I'm definitely sure that this student travel grant will make a difference for him.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further clarifications.

Yours faithfully,



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