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Dear Dr. Ruscoe,

RE: Dr Richmond Loh's application for the FRDC Aquatic Animal Health Training Scholarship.

My name is Jo Bannister and I am a final year, veterinary student at Murdoch University. I am very interested in becoming a fish health veterinarian and am lucky enough to have Dr. Richmond Loh as a mentor and friend.

I first came across Dr. Loh when I was in 3rd year practical class. We covered aspects of field diagnostics, including microscopy and water quality. He is very generous with his time and shows passion and enthusiasm for teaching, lecturing and sharing his knowledge. Dr. Loh frequently offers myself and other students to accompany him on site visits and experience what being a fish vet is all about. These experiences with him have given me the opportunity to learn more about fish health and practice some skills that are vital for diagnostic workup and diagnosis of fish disease. Dr. Loh really inspires and encourages students to become involved in this industry and he is an asset to the world of fish health and medicine.

Recently, I was the successful recipient of the '2010 Barry Munday Memorial Student Prize for Aquatic Animal Health', rewarding me for demonstrating interest in this field. Dr. Loh recommended me for this award and it was an honor to receive it and share the prize with him.

Dr. Loh's works have inspired me to continue on my direction towards becoming a fish health veterinarian. I feel very lucky to have Dr. Loh as a mentor and feel that with his guidance and support, I will find a very rewarding and satisfying career in fish health. I look forward to venturing out into the world of fish health and having Dr. Loh as a colleague.

I fully support and recommend Dr. Loh to attend the Cornell University's Aquavet course. This course will provide Dr. Loh with even more information and skills to accompany the vast knowledge of fish health that he is already expertise in. This course provides an excellent opportunity to learn even more about fish health and medicine and I am very excited for Dr. Loh to be able to attend such a fabulous course and hearing from him about the many great things he got to do!

Please feel free to contact me at jo.bannister@bigpond.com if you would like any more information. Dr. Loh is an asset to this field of veterinary science and I believe that industry will benefit highly if he is able to attend Cornell's Aquavet course. I couldn't think of or recommend any one more highly than Dr. Loh to receive this FRDC scholarship, he truly deserves this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Bannister