

February 26, 2013

[REDACTED]  
Anhui, Hefei, 230026, China

Dear [REDACTED]

A *special* congratulations on being admitted (subject to verification of your application materials including GRE results) to the University of Southern California (USC) Viterbi School of Engineering with the offer of a Viterbi School of Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship. You were selected from an applicant pool of the most highly qualified students in the world. We believe that USC will benefit from your talents -- and that you will thrive in our academic community.

The USC Viterbi School of Engineering is a world-class institution distinguished by its cutting edge research, its culture of innovation, its global connections and the interdisciplinary opportunities offered. At USC Viterbi you'll find a truly outstanding faculty with whom to work and a collegial student community of ambitious, talented and able students from top universities in the United States and around the world.

As part of this offer of admission for the 2013-2014 academic year, your graduate support package provides a one-year fellowship stipend of \$30,000 without other obligations – to allow you to focus full time on your studies and research. Subject to your satisfactory academic progress, an additional three years of financial support as a teaching and/or research assistant will be provided along with an annual \$5,000 stipend so that you may develop the additional skills you will need as you head into your professional life. During this four-year period you will also receive credit up to 36 units of tuition per year and year-round health and dental insurance. During this four-year period you will also receive credit up to 36 units of tuition per year and year-round health and dental insurance. The continuation of your support for subsequent semesters is dependent upon your continued eligibility, which includes your continuance of at least the minimum enrollment and good academic progress as a graduate student, including a GPA of at least 3.0. You will also have access to many Viterbi School and departmental resources.

Please complete and return the attached response via email to Idania Takimoto at [takimoto@usc.edu](mailto:takimoto@usc.edu) by April 15, 2013. If you have questions about this award, please contact [REDACTED]. If you have questions about your academic program, please contact Professor [REDACTED].

My colleagues and I very much hope that you will be joining us in the fall.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
Mork Family Department of Chemical Eng. and Materials Science  
Viterbi School of Engineering  
University of Southern California



Name:



Ph.D. Program: Materials Science

Graduate Award Offered: Viterbi School of Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship

Duration of Funding: One year of fellowship; at least three additional years of assistantship, or fellowship support funded by your academic program/school, or by an external funding source.

Fellowship Award Terms: \$30,000 stipend for year one.  
USC 50% graduate assistant plus an additional fellowship stipend of \$5,000 during years two, three and four.  
Payment of 36 units of tuition (12 in fall, 12 in spring, 12 in summer) to be used for courses counting toward the Ph.D. degree.  
Payment of health and dental insurance and student health center fee.

I have read the offer for the Viterbi School of Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship specified above for the academic year 2013-2014 at the University of Southern California (USC).

I understand that holding this award is contingent upon full-time enrollment toward the Ph.D. program listed above at the University of Southern California, and that continuation of the award for subsequent semesters beyond Fall 2013 is dependent upon demonstration of superior academic performance and timely progress toward my Ph.D. degree.

I understand that I must take my one year of Viterbi School-administered fellowship within five years of first enrolling in my Ph.D. program at USC.

I understand that while I am receiving my one year of Viterbi School fellowship support, I am expected to devote full-time to study towards my Ph.D. degree and not to undertake employment or other time consuming commitments during the academic year.

I understand that receiving this award is contingent upon satisfactory completion of any academic work I have in progress and verification thereof, and that it is subject to verification of my application materials and Graduate Record Examination results.

I understand that if I accept this award my eligibility for other University-administered assistance, such as Financial Aid loans, may change. (Questions about Financial Aid eligibility should be directed to the Financial Aid Office, fao@usc.edu, 213-740-1111).

I understand that a condition of the award is that Fellows acknowledge the Viterbi School of Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship for any research performed during the tenure of the Fellowship in publications including World Wide Web pages, whether copyrighted or not.

I understand that, in accordance with the Council of Graduate Schools' resolution, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15, 2013 commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made. Similarly, an offer by an institution after April 15, 2013 is conditional on presentation by the student of the written release from any previously accepted offer.

\_\_\_ I accept the offer of a Viterbi School of Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship with the conditions specified above. If unforeseen circumstances cause me to change my plans, I shall notify you at once.

\_\_\_ I decline the Fellowship. I have accepted admission at \_\_\_\_\_ because:

- (a) \_\_\_ I prefer the faculty
- (b) \_\_\_ I was offered better financial support. The stipend level is \_\_\_\_\_ per year.
- (c) \_\_\_ My research interests are a good match with its areas of specialty
- (d) \_\_\_ Other reasons. (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have further questions about this award, please contact Jennifer Gerson at jgerson@usc.edu. Please keep a copy for your own records.