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Dear Mr. Imani:

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is recommending to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research that you be admitted into the PhD program for the **2014/2015** academic year commencing in **September 2014** provided you meet all of the requirements of the Faculty. You should be notified of their decision within the next few weeks.

If you commence your studies in our Department, Dr. Cockburn and Dr. Han have indicated that they are willing to supervise your program. Based on your excellent record, the Department may consider nominating you for the University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship worth \$15,000 for one year, plus a research assistantship from Dr. Cockburn and Dr. Han worth \$9,000 for one year.

In the event that you are unsuccessful in being awarded this scholarship, Dr. Cockburn and Dr. Han will provide a research assistantship worth \$18,000 during your first year of studies. Financial support will continue subject to availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

In addition to the research assistantship provided by your supervisor and in the event that you are unsuccessful in being awarded the scholarship, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering will provide you with a teaching assistantship for up to a maximum of four years. The estimated value of this assistantship is \$25,824 over four years based on the 2012/2013 pay rates. A few hours of work as a teaching assistant will be required as detailed in the enclosed letter. This offer is conditional to good academic and teaching performance. It will be withdrawn in the event that you receive a major award.

Please let your supervisors know, after you receive confirmation of your admission into the Faculty, whether you intend to accept this offer. Please reply within four weeks, otherwise we may have to withdraw this offer, and allocate your place to another candidate.

Yours sincerely,

Y.Y. Tsui  
Professor & Associate Chair  
(Graduate Studies)

B. Cockburn  
Professor & Co-Supervisor

J. Han  
Assistant Professor & Co-Supervisor

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**Funding provided by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Dear New PhD Student:

Congratulations on being accepted in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the University of Alberta as a *PhD Candidate*. The purpose of this document is to provide you with details of how the ECE Department will provide funding to you for your PhD program.

The ECE Department considers PhD students as “academics in training” and as a PhD student you will be exposed to training in the areas of research and teaching. Your supervisor will be primarily responsible for your research training which constitutes the major component of the PhD program. Training in teaching will also be an important part of your activities and an important part of the funding of your PhD studies.

**Research Assistantship**

You have received a Research Assistantship with funds provided by your supervisor. The exact value of this assistance was communicated to you in your letter of admission.

**Teaching Assistantship**

You have also received a Teaching Assistantship, awarded by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Teaching Assistantships are, in part, intended to help PhD students pay the cost of tuition for up to four years, conditional to good academic and teaching performance.

The ECE Department will provide you with a Teaching Assistantship worth 40 weekly hours of work. Graduate teaching assistants at the University of Alberta are paid based on weekly hours of work. The 2012/2013 weekly hour pay-rate is approximately \$646 per term; the estimated value of this package is \$25,824. This department funding will be withdrawn in the event that you receive a major award.

The 2012/2013 tuition fees and teaching assistantship values are approximately the following:

	Tuition & Fees (2012/2013 rates)	Teaching Assistantship Value (2012/2013 rates)
Annual rates:	\$ 8,022	\$ 6,456 (10 weekly hours of work per term)
Four-year total:	\$ 32,088	\$ 25,824 (40 weekly hours)

\* The pay rates and tuition costs are adjusted annually per Faculty of Graduate studies and Research agreements.

We look forward to meeting you in Edmonton soon.

H.J. Marquez  
Professor and Department Chair

Y.Y. Tsui, Professor and  
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies