

To whom it may concern,

My first experience working with Jiawen would be as a student through her PSYCH 216 course. Her teachings in the class acted as a perfect foundation for someone interested in developmental and child psychology. Jiawen's structure of the course allowed for open discussion and encouraged students to ask any questions they had. It was a great environment to gain more information about the subject and inspired me to pursue my passions in psychology. So when I noticed that Jiawen was the Faculty lead for an open RA position the following year, I was excited to apply for a chance to work alongside her. Although the position was remote, it was extremely organized. Onboarding, as well as the later progression of more independence in the lab, was a very smooth transition due to Jiawen's well thought out schedule, pacing and overall training. Throughout the whole process I felt confident in my skills and the tasks I was assigned because of the efficient structure of the lab. The layout of my role was clearly stated, helping me understand the expectations of my tasks. I gained various experience in video transcription, behavioral coding, and data handling. The environment Jiawen created within the lab made me feel comfortable to communicate any problems I encountered during my work. In the summer when I hit a slight roadbump in my RA work due to some personal issues, she was very understanding and receptive to my situation. My positive experience working as a Research Assistant for Jiawen in the summer led me to continue working under her this fall semester. Her mentorship has been a huge impact in my current goal of becoming a graduate school student. When I reached out to her for advice on applications and her own journey of pursuing higher education, Jiawen was more than happy to set up a call with me to share her experience. Through our meeting, I gained insightful knowledge and recommendations that I am confident will set me up for success when I begin applying to graduate schools. As a mentor, Jiawen is very responsible, considerate, and open to help, she is someone who makes me feel supported as a mentee!

*(Jiawen has permission from me to include my letter in her job materials)*

Sincerely,

Alina Huang