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To Whom It May Concern,

As Assistant Provost for Global Engagement and Senior International Officer, I am writing to invite Professor Huifang Zhao from Huaibei Normal University, China, to be a visiting research scholar at Bridgewater State University from August 10, 2019 to August 9, 2020.

It is my pleasure learning about the research of Professor Huifang Zhao through our former visiting scholar Professor Suling Zhang who came to Bridgewater from 2014 to 2015. I have communicated with Professor Zhao and discussed her research on modern Chinese literature, women studies, modern Chinese history, and history of Chinese students in the United States. Professor Zhao is a full professor in her university focusing her research on modern Chinese writers, Chinese women movement, as well as teaching pedagogy in Chinese universities. Her work will contribute to our academic departments in History, Asian Studies, English and Literature, and Education. I also look forward to discussing research with Professor Zhao on the history of Chinese-American relations.

As a University in the heart of New England near Boston, Bridgewater State University will provide an ideal environment for Professor Zhao's research and lectures on Sino-American cultural exchanges. At Bridgewater, she'll work with Dr. Wing-kai To whose research on Sino-American cultural relations will be beneficial to her studies. We have a large Asian Studies program and different departments in Education where she can conduct her research activities. During her stay at Bridgewater State University, she is expected to conduct research in her field, participate in undergraduate and/or graduate classes, faculty meetings and discussions.

We understand that Prof. Zhao is applying for financial support from Huaibei Normal University. We support her application with strong enthusiasm. We are pleased to endorse her visiting scholar J-1 visa application and are looking forward to working with her in applying to be a visiting scholar in 2019.

Sincerely,

Wing-kai To, Ph.D.
Assistant Provost for Global Engagement
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