

**07 December 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Global Talent Visa (Academic & Research Appointment) – Statement of Guarantee for Dr Sheng Wang (24 January 1994)**

I write to confirm support for Dr Wang's application for a Global Talent Visa accelerated endorsement under the *Academic & Research Appointment* path. Dr Wang will be employed as a NUAcT Fellow: Hydrogen Integration based within the School of Engineering at Newcastle University which is named on the Academies' published list of approved institutions.

I can confirm the following on behalf of Newcastle University, that the applicant '*directs or leads an individual or team research project or programme of work.*' NUAcT Fellows are researchers engaged to develop their own distinctive research portfolio and transition to an academic position, by evidencing their ability to be an academic leader in their field. NUAcT Fellows will be expected to plan and carry out their own independent research programme, leading to robust and high quality outputs and successful applications for research funding.

I can confirm that the role and recruitment process for the appointment of Dr Wang met the list of required criteria, as follows:

- Dr Wang will be employed as a NUAcT Fellow: Hydrogen Integration within the School of Engineering at Newcastle University and has accepted this offer of employment.
- The position which Dr Wang was appointed into was advertised from 25 July 2023 to 15 September 2023 and Dr Wang was considered in open competition. The applicant was recruited in line with Newcastle University's recruitment and selection policy, dated 01 June 2015. The applicant has met all our selection criteria for the role.
- We have received two satisfactory references for the applicant.
- There were three academic colleagues from our organisation present on the interview panel, these were; Professor E Gibson (NUAcT Director & Chair), Professor I Head (Dean of Research & Innovation, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences) & Professor S Walker (Prof. of Energy, School of Engineering).

- All three academic representatives are classified as experts in the applicants field.

Please do not hesitate to contact me AND/OR one of my team members should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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