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Dear Professor Cheng:

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the 2012 NCARB Award for the Integration of Practice and Education. This year the NCARB Award Jury was pleased to receive the highest number of applications since the program's inception six years ago.

We are pleased to inform you that the NCARB Award Jury selected your proposal, "A Model for Licensure Upon Graduation: An Advanced Degree in Research Practice" as a recipient of a 2012 NCARB Award Honorable Mention. An honorable mention certificate will be forwarded to the School of Architecture, University of Minnesota, under separate cover.

The NCARB Award Jury was impressed with the proposal to develop a repeatable model that creates a straightforward and shortened path toward licensure while also building research practice experience. The project warrants special recognition for advancing the goals of the Intern Development Program and creating a mutually beneficial research program that bridges the academy and practice.

The NCARB Award Jury recommends that you consider addressing additional issues identified in the 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture and the NCARB Position Paper for the NAAB 2008 Accreditation Review Conference, as they relate to your project. Your proposal offers an excellent opportunity to address many of these issues and increase students' preparation for internship, examination, and practice.

If we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,



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