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Yukong Zhao  
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Dear Yukong Zhao:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns.

The University of Washington (and thus the Allen School) does not use race as a factor in admission decisions, and we do not use racial quotas. As the Allen School's DEIA strategic plan indicates, we measure the demographics of our school and we observe how those demographics compare with the UW-Seattle average. As you are likely aware, the Department of Education has affirmed that institutions may continue to collect demographic information, noting that it provides institutions with "critical information related to their programs and objectives" as long as the information does not influence admissions decisions. The Allen School collects this demographic information to assist in evaluating its programs and objectives, but does not use it in admissions decisions. We also post demographic information on our website. As a public university, the University of Washington maintains a wide variety of demographic information, makes this information available to the public on request, and uses it for federal government reporting requirements.

The Allen School engages in a variety of outreach activities because we want to ensure that students with the potential to become great computer scientists and computer engineers consider this as a career, consider applying to the UW, and, if admitted, feel included and supported in the same way we want all our students to feel included and supported. Outreach activities are independent from admission processes. The Department of Education has affirmed that institutions may continue to use outreach programs in a variety of ways that comply with the law. We do not use race as a factor when admitting students to our outreach programs.

Regards,



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