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Dear Dr. Auld,

There is an ever-increasing gap between the skill sets required by those in research fields within the Life Sciences, and what is taught in instruction. To address this issue, please accept my formal report on: "Proposal for necessity of students in the Life Sciences pursuing additional Computing background".

The report summarizes my findings from data collection through the use of surveys of research professors in a variety of fields within the Life Sciences. My findings suggest that a strong computing background is going to become a necessity for future researchers. The report concludes with several possible solutions, all of which emphasize changes that result in students being taught these skills during their undergraduate degree.

I hope that you agree with my prognosis, and that my findings and recommendations prove useful to you. If you have any inquiries about the nature of this report, please feel free to contact me at aleemtariq19@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aleem".

Aleem Tariq