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Dear Mrs.Dana:

RE: Summer Research Assistant Position at Dr.Piret's Lab

As an avid student interested in Dr.Piret's research, I am enthusiastic for this unique opportunity to apply as a research assistant and assist in optimizing therapeutic cell bioprocesses. I'm currently studying towards a second degree in computer science but graduated last year with a bachelor's degree in biology. With my keen motivation and critical thinking skills developed in my previous degree, I have a diverse background with much to offer.

From the laboratory courses I completed, I developed cell laboratory and molecular biology techniques like fluorescent microscopy, SDS-PAGE, immunoblotting, restriction analysis, PCR, transformation, and small-scale bacterial cultures. I also work well independently and in collaborative teams based on several school research projects and group papers I have been apart of. I was also a resource center volunteer at ICORD, a spinal cord research center, where I was responsible for translating research articles into layman terms for public comprehension. As a result I have strong knowledge comprehending research papers and conducting wet laboratory work.

I also worked as a returns and exchanges coworker at IKEA during one of the busiest seasons last summer, so I understand the importance of strong communication and maintaining a collaborative environment. I was routinely tasked with solving problems ranging in complexity from resolving customer complaint case files to finding missing hardware for furniture pieces with the recovery team, which requires an ability to analyze, adapt and respond appropriated in a fast paced environment.

In my spare time I volunteer as a business educator at Junior Achievement, where I'm responsible for preparing hour-long business lessons weekly to clearly communicate business basics to a classroom of elementary school students. The last class I taught was able to sell out their creation "Funcils" in less than fifteen minutes raising \$320 to support education for underprivileged children in rural China. Therefore, my work and volunteer experience have strengthened my communication, organization, and analytical skills.

I'm excited to learn more about this opportunity and be apart of a symbiotic relationship with a team of dynamic individuals. If my background and potential suit Dr.Piret's laboratory, please contact me at lin.ruth@hotmail.com. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lin Ruth". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "L" and "R".