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**Bourse Pierre-Jacob-Durand**

Dear Pierre Jacob Durand

I am writing to thank you for your generous “Bourse de recutement au doctorat Pierre-Jacob-Durand 2019-2020”. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship. I have always been thinking about my future, building a career, becoming a successful person and generally finding my own path in the life. My major is “Molecular Medicine”, I graduated with both bachelor and master degree’s in nutrition science in Iran, and it is my pleasure that I have begun the doctorate at Université Laval since January 2019.

I have been interested about gene and environmental interaction, and how the mechanisms of the body and expression of the genes are affected by nutrition (Nutrigenomics). My Ph.D. thesis is a very interesting subject to “Multi-OMICs analysis using transcriptomic, metabolomics, microbiome and fatty acid analyses to examine the impact of dairy products on type 2 diabetes risk factors”, I am very keen on this multi-field project to learn a lot of lab techniques and analyses approaches, also improve my written skills.

Continuing my studies in the field that really interesting to me, in one of the best universities in Canada, alongside a professor who guides me to the best (Dr Iwona Rudkowska), is actually the realization of my greatest dream, and more importantly, I have this chance to learn French language and cultures.

I tried a lot to have done my best during master and continuing to doctorate with 11 papers published (2 as first author) and 9 scientific abstract (7 as first author), also my Ph.D. starting with fellowship from the CHU Foundation of Quebec-Laval University as well as the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University in 2019, the Gordon F. Mutch Young Investigator Award from the Canadian Nutrition Society (CNS) in the spring of 2019, the best poster presentation at the Research Center Day of the CHU de Québec 2019, and an Eli Lily Conference Fellowship in 2016. I plan to pursue a career as nutrigenomics researcher upon graduating from Université Laval.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others, both as teacher and possibly a scholarship to future students like myself.

Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal

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