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Dear donor,

Please receive this letter as an expression of my sincere gratitude for being awarded the scholarship “Bourse de recrutement à la maîtrise Joseph-Demers”. Thanks to your generous support, I was able to begin my master's studies on Microbiology and Immunology at the Faculty of Medicine in Laval University.

I am a Cuban student who for a long time was looking for an enriching and stimulating environment that allows me to grow personally and professionally. By selecting me as a recipient of this scholarship, you have opened the doors to a brighter future. Shortly after my incorporation to Laval University, I could corroborate that I had taken the right choice: the attention received, the constant care of the institution about student's wellbeing and the quality of the education received have made me feel welcomed and highly motivated.

On a personal level, I am devoted to achieve and preserve academic excellence throughout my Masters studies, which would help me to extend my education towards a Ph.D. My goal is to build a career in vaccine research at Laval University for making a substantial impact on the improvement of human health while contributing to raising the international reputation of this prestigious institution.

Your selfless support has inspired me to give back to others and I hope one day I can help students from developing countries to reach their study and career goals. Thank you for showing me that commitment, hard work and passion for science can overcome economic barriers.

Sincerely yours,

Santa Mariela Olivera Ugarte
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