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## **Motivation letter**

Respected Sir/Madam

I am writing this application as I am interested in participating in the project “Expression of O-glycans in MCF-7 cells”. I was deeply intrigued by the subject as I have always had a profound interest in the pathogenesis of cancer and considered it to be one of the most important fields of future development in medical sciences. Indeed science has always been my passion and I hope that by combining the knowledge acquired by my medical studies and preserving my interest in science I will achieve a better understanding which will be applicable in my further development perhaps in the field of oncology.

I would love the opportunity to be able to work with other people, sharing my passion and improving my practical skills. Personal qualities I possess that I believe will prove me to be a good candidate for this position include my interest for professional development in the area, knowledge acquired in my university studies as well as personal interest which has led me to seek further information.

Recently I have completed an online course by Yale University in the platform coursera.org, named “Introduction to Breast Cancer”, with the main speaker being Anees B. Chagpar, MD, MSc, MPH, MA, MBA, FRCS(C), FACS. The course has extended my interest and knowledge in this particular kind of cancer, from the basic biology of the disease, to risk factors and prevention, treatment modalities and survivorship.

In the past, my commitment to natural sciences has allowed me to pass amongst the first in the municipal round of the National Olympiad competition in biology three years in a row. In university it has been rewarded with an excellent success for the past two years.

My studies in the 9th French language school “Alphonse de Lamartine” in Sofia allowed me to master the French language in connection with my urge to travel and contribute to the world’s sustainable development as I can. I have also certified my knowledge of English with a CAE Cambridge certificate and plan to broaden my horizon with an accelerated course in Spanish, motivated by the opportunity to visit such a fascinating country as Mexico.

Should there be an opening for me at the Universidad Autonoma de Oaxaca I would greatly appreciate it. I believe it will be a beneficial experience and I have no doubt that I will be able to accomplish any task given with dedication and enthusiasm.

Don’t hesitate to contact me if there is any further information you require.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Atanassova