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Dr Sandra Gardam  
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Dear Dr Gardam,

*Re: Application for a scholarship for the Superstars of STEM program*

I would like to apply for a scholarship to participate in the next Superstars of STEM Program, organized by Science & Technology Australia. My employers are very supportive of my participation in this program, however due to the unprecedented COVID-19 related budget crisis at my university they will be unable to support me financially.

I am originally from Argentina with Spanish as my native language, and English as my second language. I migrated to Australia in 2015 and am now a proud citizen of both countries.

I am familiar with the work of several alumni of the program, and I believe I would greatly benefit from the opportunity. Please let me know if there is any further information that I can provide to help with the selection.

Yours sincerely,



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