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Dr. Viorela Ila Researcher / Senior Lecturer The University of Sydney

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am currently researcher and senior lecturer with The University of Sydney. I am extremely interested in participating in the Superstars of STEM program. I consider that actively leveraging media, social media and other opportunities to engage the public is now an essential element for successful research communication.

I am currently returning to work full time after maternity leave and a period of partial commitment which affected the process of securing research funding in the past year. Therefore, I have limited funds to fully support this application.

I was born in Romania and pursued my Phd in Spain. Despite the fact that I am fluent is several languages, including English, this is still my second language.

Please accept this letter as an expression of my strong interest in participating in Superstar of STEM program. Thank you for taking the time to review my application and I look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely, Viorela Ila