**Motivation letter**

Dear Professor, I am Yuzhou Chen, a current post-graduate student in Cartography and Geographic Information Systems at the School of Geographic Sciences, Nanjing Normal University. The time when I learned about this project, there was a strong willing of me to apply for the Sandwich Program as a part of my research experience under my master's studies.

As a current post-graduate student, I have wrapped up four years of learning GIS techniques and computer skills to make myself capable of solving problems. But I’m nowhere near finished. My deep love for GIS is undeniable, and I’m willing to share my basic information with you.

First of all, I would like to introduce my educational background and academic research experience. I received my undergraduate degree in Geographic Information Science from Nanjing Normal University and was recommended to further my study in Cartography and Geographic Information System. By taking courses and self-learning, I get the hang of some programming languages including C, SQL, Python. Now I am learning front-end language like *Vue* to deepen my understanding on web GIS. I have done some research work on my direction. Last summer, I took part in the classification works of landform types and did some construction works on data processing workflows. What I am still doing now is the research on changes of soil erosion caused by terrace construction, which can quantitatively evaluate the impact of slope terracing projects on soil erosion.

In my daily life, I am a sunny and warm-hearted person. I love music and enjoy playing guitar with my classmates. In my free time, I will participate in volunteer works like spot guide in some interests. And I am looking forward to making friends in other countries.

I respect the reputation for academic excellence of GIS in the University of Salzburg. I appreciate that yours is a school that encourages students to achieve their potential both inside and outside the classroom to make progress. Hope my diverse interests would make me a great fit for your school. I promise to be responsible for my work and honest with my studies.

I appreciate your time spent reading my application, and I sincerely hope you’ll consider me for this chance. Looking forward to your favorable reply!

Sincerely,  
Yuzhou Chen