

Dear Selection Committee,

My name is Vanessa Situmbeko. I would describe myself as shy, kind and caring. At my alma mater, I was a part of the biology society at my university. It aims to provide education and experience for all students in biology in their respective courses. It teaches the value of a biologist and the difference that a biologist can make in the world. The biology society is all about giving back. We also have cleaning campaigns and even career fairs. There is always a gain of experience, while contributing to the community. This is something I will take even after graduation and beyond.

I believe that I am motivated and that getting this internship at the CCF will allow me to fulfil my professional and personal goals as well as create an impact in my society. Biology has always been a subject I have been passionate and excelled in since I was very young. I have always been interested in how the animal body works, mainly the diseases that affect them and how they can be treated. This also ties in how I love to help people and animals, and even thought about becoming a medical doctor or veterinarian, however that was not my path.

Studying microbiology at my alma mater has given me the basic knowledge and solid foundations to excel in Mycology, Parasitology, Bacteriology, Statistics, Immunology, Virology, Biotechnology, Genetics and research. My research project has further strengthened my knowledge and increased my interest. It provided me the appropriate laboratory and research exposure needed to flourish in an academic or professional setting.

I love working with people. With the help of this course, it will help not only better myself but my community at large. Furthermore, I will experience the research expertise of a place that is very different from my own university where I studied.

My future plans/goals are to take everything I will learn at the CCF and implement it in my future endeavors, whether that be in graduate work or in a professional work place setting. I am a hardworking and a serious student that has always done well in exams and academically overall. I want to prove myself worthy.

I appreciate your consideration. With your assistance, I can continue my continuous search for knowledge forward in the world of diseases and their causes & prevention and strive for a better future in which more and more women are empowered and better presented in the field of science.

I am determined and I believe I am deserving.

Thank you for taking time to read this. While waiting an answer from you please accept my best regards.

Thank you.