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**RE: Letter of intent**

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Dear Admission Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere enthusiasm and keen interest in applying for the Master of Science in Forestry program at the University of British Columbia.

I am currently in my third year as an undergraduate student in biology at Université du Québec à Montréal. I have also completed an Ecology Certificate in 2021 at the same establishment. I have worked as a research assistant in Pierre Drapeau's laboratory for the past two years and since 2023, I have had the privilege of working under the supervision of Elizabeth M. Wolkovich in the Temporal Ecology Lab at UBC. My academic journey has been marked by significant achievements, including receiving 10 competitive scholarships from various organizations since 2022. Furthermore, I am very proud to have been included in the UQAM's Dean's List of Excellence of the Faculty of Science for the Winter semester of 2023. These recognitions underscore my commitment to academic excellence and the pursuit of knowledge in biology and especially, Forestry.

My return to academia three years ago, after several years in the restaurant industry, was a transformative experience. In addition to working as a sommelier in fine dining restaurants, I had the opportunity to work in a small organic vineyard in New Zealand. This experience sparked a profound realization about my deep connection to nature. Growing up in a family of maple syrup producers, surrounded by the forest, I developed a profound attachment to trees and their ecology.

My research experiences, including studying the vital domain of the Pileated Woodpecker in Quebec's boreal forest with Dr. Drapeau and investigating the impact of climate change on forest communities under Dr. Wolkovich's guidance, have solidified my passion for forestry research. These experiences have affirmed my conviction to pursue a career in this field. The diverse experiences in my professional and academic journey have contributed to shaping my personality and fostering a deep sense of curiosity.

I am confident that the Master of Science in Forestry program at UBC will provide the ideal platform for me to further develop my skills, contribute to cutting-edge research, and make a meaningful impact in the field of forestry.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to and thrive within the dynamic academic community at the University of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Christophe Rouleau-Desrochers