## Additional questions

Studying at UBC has been a dream of mine for years. I visited the campus eight years ago and instantly fell in love with it. Only after entering the world of academia did I truly understand the renowned status of UBC and how its values align with mine. Consequently, I've been closely following the research endeavors of various members of the Faculty of Forestry.

One of them, Elizabeth M. Wolkovich, has graciously accepted me into her laboratory for a research internship in 2023 and has expressed her interest in supporting me for my Master’s degree. It would be both a privilege and an honor to continue my academic journey at UBC.