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Ms. Darina Brackeen
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Dear Ms. Brackeen,

This letter is to acknowledge that the Department of Biological Sciences (DBS) will support in part the request from Mr. Evan Perkowski to attend and present his research at the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting 2022, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada August 14-19, 2022. The department will contribute \$250 (which will help cover all meals and help defer other expenses) of the estimated cost. We would like to request that The Graduate School contribute at least match that amount to help cover his travel, hotel, etc. Mr. Perkowski will be presenting a talk entitled, "**Soil nitrogen availability increases the positive effect of aridity on water use efficiency**". This conference will be critical to Evan's graduate research program and attendance at such meetings reflects well upon the graduate program at Texas Tech University. Mr. Perkowski understands that if there are funds provided by the Graduate School, he must take 3 professional development workshops during the Summer or Fall semester 2022 in order to qualify for these funds.

Thank you for considering Evan's travel application.

Sincerely,



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