Informative letter on Project

To send to heads of departments of case studies and selected scholars

Dear **name of the researcher**,

I am Nicolas Robinson-Garcia, a Marie Sklodowska-Curie researcher funded by the LEaDing Fellows programme (<http://leadingfellows.eu/>) on the project ‘Unveiling the Ecosystem of Science: A contextual perspective on the many roles of scientists’.

This project seeks to unveil the diversity of academic profiles and career options scientists have, with the aim to provide novel insights into different professional paths and skills necessary in scientific research. We consider that results from my project can be useful to improve the design of researchers’ assessment exercises and better design researchers’ careers. You may find more information at the [project’s website](https://elrobin.github.io/Unveiling-the-Ecosystem-of-Science/).

Within the project, we intend to conduct a series of case studies searching for public information on research teams and potentially conduct a series of interviews with some of their members. We considered **(name of the department or group)** as one of those case studies. We believe that the diversity of the research activities carried on **in this department/group** will greatly contribute to our research. As **(head/director of the department of group)** we hereby want to inform you about our intended research activities and, before retrieving any data, we would like to count with your consent as well as that of your colleagues.

Furthermore, we would be grateful if at a later stage you or any of your colleagues would be willing to be interviewed to further complete our case studies. Of course, we will be happy to share any outputs as well as to inform you on what specific data is being gathered.

Looking forward to hearing from you and many thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Nicolas Robinson-Garcia