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Ms. Sandra Evers-Manly
Northrop Grumman Fellowship ICES

Dear Ms. Sandra Evers-Manly,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation to my Northrop Grumman Fellowship through ICES. In addition to paying for tuition, this fellowship allows our research group to invest its funds in things like improved computational equipment, which allows our entire group to do better research.

I am a PhD student in Mechanical Engineering and my research is in improving materials for thermoelectric energy generation. The implications of my research could lead to devices which can harvest the waste energy which is produced by a wide variety of energy processes and reduce the production of greenhouse gases and other harmful by-products. After graduation I plan on pursuing a position in academia by performing post-doctoral work. Because of your contribution I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me the Northrop Grumman Fellowship ICES you have lightened my financial burden and the burden on my research group, which improves not only my research but the research of all my group members. Your contribution has also inspired me to pursue making similar contributions to scholarship funding. I believe this is the responsibility of all those who are in a position similar to yours, and for this you have my deepest respect.

Sincerely,

Jason Larkin

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