

June 21, 2019

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To whom it may concern,

Description of Research Activities

Jenna Braun is traveling into the United States in support of research projects as a research assistant in the Department of Biology at York University, Toronto, ON. She is studying plant-plant interactions in desert ecosystems. During this research trip (three weeks) she will be traveling through the Mojave Desert visiting field sites and meeting with scientists at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) in Santa Barbara, CA.

Length of Stay

Jenna will begin her research June22nd 2019 and will finish her trip no later than July 13th 2019. She returns to Toronto on July 13th on Air Canada flight #786.

Location

Jenna will be flying to Los Angeles where she will rent a vehicle and travel to sites within the Mojave National Preserve, California. She will be residing at the Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center (University of California Reserve System) and will spend the majority of her time traveling between field sites in the area. She will end her research trip with a stay at NCEAS in Santa Barbara, CA.

Remuneration

Travel funds for this project are being provided by York University, in Canada. Jenna is required to pay up front and will be reimbursed on her return back to Toronto.

Evidence of Credentials

Jenna has a Master of Science in Biology from York University and an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology and Environmental Science from McMaster University. She is currently a full-time employee with the job title “Research Assistant” in the Department of Biology, York University.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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