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Dear Dr. Karp and Katherine Lauck,

My name is Christa McLellan and I am a Junior at the University of Davis, California under the Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology major. I am currently taking Dr. Karp’s course on Conservation Biology (WFC 154). I am very interested in the internship with Karp Laboratories relating to studying the effects of climate and land-use on birds. I am looking to gain research experience in the field and would be excited to work under a member of my faculty. I am curious about potentially designing a research project for my fourth-year capstone as an honors student studying injured raptors and I believe that this internship can give me the foundational knowledge of working with birds as well as how to approach research.

I have prior experience from a volunteer position at Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad, CA monitoring sites and recording observations, skills I believe would be beneficial to this position. I like to work with others, and I am a quick learner as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christa McLellan