## Letter of Motivation

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## Program: MEDICAL BIOLOGY

By going beyond the surface details, reasoning through what seems unattainable, and striving for a more profound comprehension, we're able to make genuine deductions. I've always found pleasure in tackling theories that seem out of reach; I think it enables me to achieve more than usual. The field of biological research covers everything related to how the human body operates and how outside elements affect it. My strong desire to gather comprehensive information on these topics motivates me to pursue further education at a globally acknowledged institution. I'm applying to this Master's program to enhance my understanding and delve into research opportunities within Medical Biology.

I am writing to express my interest in the Master's program in Medical Biology at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg. With my background in biochemistry and laboratory assistant experience, I welcome the opportunity to continue my education and contribute to molecular biology studies at the university. When I graduated with a biochemistry degree, I better understood the complex biochemical processes behind life. To improve my knowledge with practical skills, I attended a one-month molecular biology and rDNA technology program at Unibiosys Biotechnology Research Laboratory in 2021—methods such as DNA extraction, PCR, gene cloning, and electrophoresis. The internship gave me a solid foundation in molecular techniques and their applications in genetic research and biotechnology. Come and try to improve my skills and join the coding class at Cigma Medical Coding Institute, Ernakulam in 2022-2023. My background in biochemistry and expertise in medical coding allow me to bridge the gap between research and healthcare management. Since 2023, I've been employed as a lab assistant, utilizing my academic learnings in real-world scenarios, which has honed my problemsolving skills and enriched my knowledge in a lab setting. My duties cover everything from conducting experiments to keeping lab equipment in good condition and adhering to safety guidelines. This role has fueled my enthusiasm for lab work and propelled me to aim for significant contributions to scientific research.

With this project, students will acquire the skills necessary to comprehend and scrutinize chemical reactions within cells at a molecular level. This deepens their grasp of molecular biology mechanisms, preparing them for tackling complex molecular and biomedical challenges with the latest, advanced technologies. Depending on their preferences, students might focus on biochemistry, molecular structural biology, or molecular cell biology, all of which are crucial in the domain of molecular biology. This choice is driven by the institution's dedication to innovative research and its outstanding academic standards.

The MSc Medical Biology program at Paris Lodron University Salzburg stands out to me because of its broad and interdisciplinary curriculum. The fundamental courses, such as molecular biology, immunology, and pathophysiology, are in line with my academic background and career goals. I am particularly excited about the emphasis on hands-on training, which will help me apply my theoretical knowledge in practical settings and develop proficiency in advanced laboratory techniques. The state-of-the-art research facilities and collaborative atmosphere at the university have left a strong impression on me, fostering innovation and interdisciplinary research. I am especially eager to engage in a substantial research project to contribute to the scientific community and advance the field of medical biology. My long-term aspiration is to pursue a career as a biomedical researcher, focusing on creating novel diagnostic and therapeutic solutions for human diseases. I am confident that the MSc Medical Biology program at Paris Lodron University Salzburg will provide me with the necessary expertise, skills, and practical experience to reach these objectives. Alongside my academic qualifications, I bring a dedicated work ethic, a genuine enthusiasm for scientific exploration, and a commitment to excellence. I am certain that my background in biochemistry, combined with the comprehensive education offered by your program, will enable me to make meaningful contributions to the medical biology field. I am eager to utilize my academic foundation, laboratory skills, and passion for medical biology within your program. I am convinced that Paris Lodron University Salzburg offers the ideal setting for my academic and professional development, and I am thrilled about the prospect of being part of the vibrant academic community at your institution.

Paris Lodron University of Salzburg also referred to as the University of Salzburg (Universität Salzburg) stands as an institution, in the charming city of Salzburg, Austria. Established back in 1622 by Prince Archbishop Paris Lodron this university honors its namesake who played a role in its founding and growth. Following a period of closure during governance in 1810 it was revived in 1962. Has since flourished. The university offers an array of graduate and doctoral programs that are highly regarded for their academic quality and research achievements across various fields such as humanities, natural sciences, law, social sciences, and theology. Known for its research initiatives and partnerships with organizations the university boasts modern amenities like well-equipped libraries research facilities and labs. Nestled in the city of Salzburg renowned, for its cultural heritage and stunning landscapes. Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, also known as the University of Salzburg (Universität Salzburg), is a prominent university in Salzburg, Austria. Founded in 1622 by Prince-Archbishop Paris Lodron. Named after its founder, who played a significant role in its establishment and development. The university was closed in 1810 during the Bavarian rule and reopened in 1962. Offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Renowned for its research output and academic excellence. Provides programs in various disciplines, including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, law, and theology. Known for its strong research programs and collaborations with international institutions. Houses modern facilities, including well-equipped libraries, research centers, and laboratories. Situated in the historic and picturesque city of Salzburg, known for its cultural heritage and beautiful landscapes. The main campus is centrally located, providing easy access to the city's amenities and attractions. The university has a vibrant cultural scene, influenced by Salzburg's rich musical and artistic traditions. Offers various cultural and recreational activities for students, including concerts, lectures, and exhibitions. Engages in numerous international partnerships and exchange programs. Welcomes students and researchers from around the world, fostering a diverse and multicultural academic environment.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to and growing within the Master's program in Medical Biology at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg

Sincerely,

Rithika Akilan