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Application regarding Student Editor for Leiden University College The Hague

Dear Dr. Baetens and Dr. Hudson,

First of all, I would like to thank you for providing us as LUC students the honourable opportunity to become a Student Editor and enable us to make a contribution to research projects for the LUC and the Liberal Arts & Sciences journal.

Hereby I would like to apply for the position of Student Editor at the Leiden University College, because I am highly interested in comprehending the know-how of conducting viable academic research, and with my everlasting dedication to empower justice and humanity, I seek to enhance challenging research projects – especially in the fields of gender (honour) violence & patriarchy, international justice and human rights.

My roots are in the Iraqi Kurdistan region and when I was 3 years old my family and I fled from the Ba’ath regime of Saddam Hussein. I have lived in this beautiful country ever since and conducted my studies successfully. I have been granted sanctuary, my fundamental human rights are protected and I have access to a wide range of public services, such as high quality education in the Netherlands. However, I am well aware that many cannot even claim that their basic human rights are protected, let alone the luxurious life I have been granted where it is ‘normal’ to have access to shelter, food and education.

The relevance here is that I wish to fulfil my perceived duty to contribute to a more just and humane world, and I believe that my strong dedication will empower me in conducting research regarding the complex major world affairs that we are facing today. By example, I would like to inform you that on the 10th of June I co-organized a seminar regarding Honour Based Violence at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Dr. Nazand Begikhani (Senior Research fellow at Centre for Gender & Violence Research at Bristol University) gave a thought-provoking lecture regarding honour based violence. Here, I would like to inform you that Dr. Begikhani is my aunt, and she guides and empowers me in my quest to become a solid academic researcher.

In fact, I am planning to do an internship in the summer holiday (17/18) at the MERI (Middle East Research Institute) in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, and I seek to utilize my gained knowledge and experience both in my activities for the LUC and other research projects in the future.

Although these ambitions and projects are not directly related to the function of Student Editor, I believe that this important function may provide me the opportunity to learn significantly about the essential know-how of conducting research and analysing sources, and subsequently enable me to enrich the projects and fertile academic community that I am privileged to exchange with.

Now, I am very enthusiastic about this great opportunity to contribute to the Liberal Arts & Sciences Journal and simultaneously to the LUC research projects. I have to say that I don't have much knowledge yet regarding various complex issues, but I am willing to work very hard and do my utmost best to make a significant contribution to this fertile academic community and research of the LUC Research centre.

I would very much like to explain my motivation more extensively in the application interview, and should you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Currently I study Liberal Arts & Sciences, with a major in International Justice at the Leiden University College in The Hague - the international city of Peace & Justice. With my strong dedication to empower justice and humanity and perseverance to overcome difficulties, I am actively involved in various structures and projects in order to stimulate (academic) cross-cultural exchange as a means to devise sustainable solutions for complex world affairs.

Through my internships and extracurricular (research) activities I have gained extensive experience in the process of project-development & execution, as well as research and intercultural communication skills. With

my everlasting dedication and wide array of competencies, I seek to empower challenging projects in the fields of gender equality, International Justice and Human Rights.

Dear board members of the Leiden University College Model United Nations,

Hereby I am applying for the LUCMUN in Oxford because I believe that we as a fertile and diverse academic community can make a significant contribution to the MUN in Oxford, as it provides us the opportunity to represent our honours college in the best possible way in the international academic community.

Moreover, I believe that this extraordinary opportunity enables us to utilize our theoretical comprehension of complex world affairs and international relations in a professional diplomatic setting, and subsequently exchange our experiences and recommendations with other delegates through dialogue and understanding. In fact, this also empowers our academic development which enhances and enriches the Global Challenges programme of the LUC:

“Building Knowledge for A Better World”

With my strong dedication to empower justice and humanity and perseverance to overcome difficulties, I have been actively involved in various structures and projects in order to stimulate (academic) cultural exchange as a means to devise sustainable solutions for complex world affairs. Moreover, through my internships and extracurricular (research) activities I have gained extensive experience in the process of project-development & execution, as well as intercultural communication skills. Therefore, I believe that I can enrich the diverse LUC delegation, and I will do my utmost best to represent the LUC delegation in my best capacity. Here I believe that we can attain our objectives by careful preparation and a strong team spirit, and simultaneously enjoy this enriching experience to the fullest.

I hope to have informed you sufficiently, and I would like to explain my motivation more extensively in my application interview.

Yours sincerely,

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