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Dear recruiter,

I am a student at the University of Pretoria, busy finishing off my MSc in Plant Pathology. My qualifications prepared me for scientific research and scientific writing focussed on Molecular Biology and Plant Pathology. At the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI) where I have been based for three years, my research topics involved species identification, taxonomy, population genetics and virulence screening. Both my honours and masters projects focussed on specific pathogens of species of *Eucalyptus* which also involved germinating, growing and caring for plants.

At the University of Pretoria I was part of a mentor-mentee program, where I assisted in scientific research done by a senior postgraduate student. I now serve as a senior postgraduate student training an undergraduate student interested in postgraduate research. Additionally, I have nearly two years experience in the Diagnostics Clinic of the Tree Health Cooperative Programme (TPCP). These opportunities provided me with important teamwork skills.

So far, I have acquired skills to be able to be a research assistant, field trial specialist, plant pathologist, managing assistant, novice horticulturalist, diagnostician or any related profession.

I am available from January 2018. I may be contacted at the cellphone number and email address provided above.

Sincerely,
Esna du Plessis