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**NSF Research Internship Selection Committee**

National Science Foundation

[Program Address or Department, if known]

[City, State, ZIP]

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the National Science Foundation's Summer Research Internship Program. As a first-year Biology major at Augustana College with hands-on experience in sustainability through our student-run food co-op, I am excited about the opportunity to explore research in environmental biology, ecology, or related fields. The NSF's commitment to advancing discovery through student research deeply aligns with my academic goals and curiosity-driven learning style.

At Augustana, I've completed foundational coursework in biology and chemistry student with a strong emphasis in plant and cell biology, developed through coursework and a collaborative in-class research project. and am eager to apply what I've learned in a lab or field research setting. Through my involvement in **Augie Acres**, I have developed an appreciation for sustainable agriculture and ecological systems. This hands-on experience has helped me connect theoretical biology to real-world impact, whether planting and maintaining crops, promoting sustainability on campus, or educating others about environmental responsibility.

Outside the classroom, I also serve as a referee for campus intramural sports, a role that has strengthened my communication, collaboration, and leadership skills. These experiences have helped me build a foundation of professionalism and adaptability that I believe will serve me well in a research environment.

Thank you for considering my application. I've attached my résumé and would be honored to further discuss how I could contribute to and benefit from this internship experience. I can be reached at gusviking@augustana.edu or (309) 794-7338.

Sincerely,

*Gus Viking*

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