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Excellency, *Dear Jane -*

I am writing to share with you some exciting news regarding the new Study in Canada Scholarships program. Beginning with the 2020/2021 academic year, the Study in Canada Scholarships program will provide full academic scholarships (to a maximum award value of CAD 60,000/year) to students from eligible recipient countries/territories for programs of up to two years in duration, at the post-secondary level. Recipient students will be able to pursue fully funded studies leading to a diploma, post-secondary or post-graduate certificate, or Master's degree at a college, technical or vocational institute, or university in Canada. I am very pleased to share that students from the Federated States of Micronesia will be eligible recipients for the 2020/2021 school year.

The objective of the Study in Canada Scholarships program is to diversify and enrich Canada's education engagement with international partners. Through this program, we look forward to deepening our people-to-people ties, building institutional linkages, and strengthening our bilateral relations with participating countries and territories.

In designing this new scholarship, we made efforts to address proactively potential barriers that could limit student participation in the program. For instance, the scholarship will cover costs associated with providing biometrics as part of a visa application (successful candidates only). In order to reach a wider pool of potential candidate students, the program also offers opportunities for scholarships at various levels of study, both at colleges and institutes and at university, and is open to all academic disciplines.

The program is unique in that students do not apply directly for the Study in Canada Scholarship. Rather, in order to be considered for the scholarship, students must first apply to the Canadian institution of their choice (via the regular application process). When applying to the Canadian institution, students should indicate their interest in being nominated for a Study in Canada Scholarship. Canadian institutions will then apply for the scholarship on behalf of eligible students who have received conditional acceptance to that institution. The intent is that the first

cohort of funded students will begin classes in September 2020. As a result, the application period for the Study in Canada Scholarships will open in January 2020, and the deadline for Canadian institutions to submit applications will be Friday, March 20, 2020.

If your schedule allows, I and/or my Deputy Permanent Representative, Ambassador Louise Blais, would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this opportunity to deepen the people-to-people ties between the Federated States of Micronesia and Canada.

*I am so happy to share this news
with you, Best.*

Sincerely yours,



Marc-André Blanchard
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative