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SUBJECT
Letter of recommendation Study Tour Wahweenga

Dear Sir, Madam,

In this letter of recommendation, we are very pleased to address the Canadian, American and Dutch partners of Study Tour Wahweenga. Over the years we, as educational directors, have had the great pleasure to witness the creativity and ingenuity of our students come alive in many different student projects, especially in previous study tours. The broadening experience for both the students and tutors is unique in all of its forms. Study Association Paradoks successfully organized study tours to Japan, Singapore and Malaysia, Brazil, India and other countries in the past, each challenging and extraordinary on a different level. Experiences of the previous study tours are used and combined within the organization of the current study tour to make this year's project flawless in preparation and fulfillment as well.

As the directors of the study programmes Biomedical Engineering and Technical Medicine, we see plenty of possibilities and opportunities in merging cross-bordering knowledge in the technical and medical disciplines. Combined with the international scale and the exploration of foreign cultures, the study tour Wahweenga is a valuable addition to the students' curriculum. The study tour grants a wonderful and unique experience for our Master students, which will be of great value throughout the rest of their career. Furthermore, with its international focus, the participating students are motivated to think and work on a global scale, which encourages (future) collaboration on global health issues. Especially seen in light of the highly developed and leading position of the biomedical and health sector in Canada and the United States.

The study tour, supported by the University of Twente, is a one year educational research project organized by Master students of the study programmes Biomedical Engineering and Technical Medicine. The research comprises the investigation of interesting medical developments. Study Tour Wahweenga has chosen to perform research around the theme 'Striving towards perfection by the (bio)medical sector in Canada and the United States'. After excessive research throughout the year, the project will end in a three-week journey across the east coast of Canada and the United States. During this journey, many high-tech institutes and companies are visited, as well as universities and academia, all related to the theme of sublimity and shaping the future of the technical medical sector and workforce.

During the entire study tour project, students will be supervised and supported by professors and business professionals, working both within and outside the university, to guarantee academic excellence. As a result, study tour Wahweenga should and will be successful and challenging for the students and everyone who participates. Hereby, the academic projects are ultimately awarded with a magnificent journey through Canada and the United States.



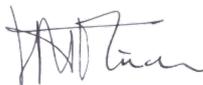
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Our students in Biomedical Engineering are equipped to research, design and develop innovative products and processes that will benefit the healthcare sector. They are educated to become interdisciplinary engineers with broad technical knowledge, with basic understanding of the human body and with creative ideas. Therefore, they are fully qualified to develop and use technology to realize new and original applications for healthcare. The Technical Medicine programme is designed to educate our students in becoming technical physicians. The use of complex technology in healthcare is rapidly spreading which urgently calls for professionals with a solid scientific, medical and technical background combined. They develop the ability to invent innovative diagnostic and treatment solutions for the individual needs of their patient. Both Biomedical Engineering and Technical Medicine are highly ranked study programmes at the University of Twente. The unique combination of these students within the course of this project brings out the maximum of innovative and realistic possibilities to medical problems.

Study Tour Wahweenga has our full support, and we will do everything within our capabilities to support them. We truly hope that you too, decide to enable these students to make this wonderful project an absolute success.

Yours faithfully,



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