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Dear Rafael,

I am writing this letter in support of your Undergraduate program in Genomic Sciences. I had the wonderful opportunity to see your program in action at the National University of Mexico in November 2006. I gave two lectures (one just for the students and one for everybody) and I interacted with students during two dinners together. I was very impressed by the students' intellect and enthusiasm, especially because I talked about using genetic techniques to study mouse behavior and physiology – an area outside their curriculum. The students were well prepared and asked insightful questions. The students were just as good as the honors students (top 5% of the class) in the undergraduate biochemistry class on molecular and cellular biology that I teach here at the University of Washington. Thus, I can easily attest that the program attracts good students and that they are getting a first-rate education in an exciting area of biological sciences.

Sincerely,



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