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To,  
Ruth Spearing Cancer Research Trust

Dear Trustees

I am writing to thank you for sponsoring me in the 2022 University of Otago Future Health Researcher summer program. The experiences provided the Future Health Researchers summer program has taught me valuable skills as a student researcher and team member which I can utilize in further research.

Throughout this program, I have been investigating genes involved in acute myeloid leukaemia development and analysing New Zealand population statistics to identify inequities in cancer. Thanks to your funding, I was able to further develop my knowledge and use of bioinformatics which I consider to be a required skill in modern science. The seminar series of the course focused on exploring my role as a health researcher, incorporation of Te Tiriti O Waitangi, teamwork, understanding methodologies and communication. As a health researcher, I aim to utilize and apply the skills learnt throughout this program to my future research.

Thank you again for your supporting for my participation in the 2022 University of Otago Future Health Researcher summer program.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Ilott