## **MOTIVATION LETTER**

Application for Board Position – Medical Science Director & Assistant to Head of Medical Science Director

## Dear ISA,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the RSU International Student Association as a board member for the Medical Science Office. As a fourth-year medical student from Australia with a deep passion for collaboration, academic engagement, and community service, I am eager to contribute to a role that supports scientific development and student involvement at RSU.

Over the past several years, I have actively participated in numerous initiatives that reflect my commitment to student engagement and leadership. I have recently served as a StudyinLatvia Ambassador and am currently a Board Member (Secretary) at Rotaract Riga International, where I help coordinate community-focused projects and contribute to international student representation. Additionally, through my role in the RSU Mentor Program, I have had the opportunity to guide and support incoming students, helping foster a sense of belonging and academic confidence.

My active involvement in Academic Societies—including the Trauma & Orthopedic Society, Surgical Association, and Cardiology Academic Society—has deepened my interest in scientific collaboration and student-led research. I believe in the importance of providing accessible, enriching opportunities for students to explore academic pathways beyond the classroom.

Beyond academic life, I have been committed to a wide range of volunteer activities, including RSU Open Days, Orientation Week, the Teddy Bear Clinic, and the European Olympiad of Experimental Sciences. Prior to joining RSU, I also volunteered as a paramedic with St John's Ambulance in Australia, an experience that strengthened my ability to stay calm under pressure and communicate effectively — skills I believe are valuable in any leadership role.

I am drawn to this position because it integrates three areas I care deeply about: academic development, student empowerment, and collaborative project management. I am confident that my background in event coordination, scientific outreach, and student leadership makes me well-prepared to support the responsibilities of the Medical Science Office — from facilitating communication with departments to coordinating educational events and strengthening academic societies.

Thank you for your time and considering my application. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to the ISA's mission and play an active role in supporting the academic and scientific growth of our student community.

Yours sincerely,

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