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I am writing to express my interest in the Doctoral Program in Biology at Purdue University. I am excited about the opportunity to undertake your program after having just completed my Baccalaureate at the University of Cape Town. I think that my previous research could benefit the program while expanding my knowledge and skills.

Dr. Smith's lab's work on the genetics and origin of cancer is fascinating. I lost my mother to breast cancer several years ago, so I have firsthand experience in the challenges of cancer patients and their families. That has led me to seek a future in finding ways to reduce that suffering and help prevent and treat cancer. I want to do my part in helping other patients and their families.

I had the opportunity to work in Dr. Michael's lab during my undergraduate program. I was able to help with their paper on Advanced Genetics in Cervical Cancer published last March. I learned a lot, and I think I showed my ability to contribute in an advanced lab and understand the challenges and opportunities. It was a fantastic opportunity. I didn't just participate as a technician, but Dr. Michael allowed me to participate in planning, executing, and documenting experiments, and I was able to contribute to the final paper.

The work you are doing at Purdue University is exciting. I would love to continue my quest while contributing to the incredible research being done at the genetics labs at Purdue University.

Thank you for considering my application. I am attaching my CV and a recommendation from Dr. Michael. I would love to discuss this with you further when you have the opportunity. You can reach me at me@myemail.com.

Sincerely,  
Johannes Motsepe