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Dear Visa Officer,

**Re: International College of Manitoba – University Transfer Program Stages I & II**

As Provost and Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Manitoba (U of M), I am responsible for all academic aspects of the university. In this role, I am writing to inform you that the International College of Manitoba (ICM), established in 2008, works in partnership with the U of M to facilitate and support international students' transition to the University to successfully obtain a degree from the U of M. ICM, located on the U of M main campus, delivers the first year undergraduate courses equivalent to those offered at U of M, with students having full access to the facilities and services of the university.

ICM offers the University Transfer Program Stage I, which is a pre-university level program, as well as the University Transfer Program Stage II, which is equivalent to a first year undergraduate program at the U of M. The U of M approves the courses taught at ICM and monitors the quality of teaching to ensure it is of equivalent standard to that received by students entering the U of M direct.

Students who complete ICM's University Transfer Program Stage II with a competitive GPA and satisfy relevant U of M entry requirements are eligible for entry into the second year of a degree program. The U of M monitors the performance of students who transfer from ICM to U of M and the data shows that the students perform as well, if not better, than other international students entering U of M directly.

Students admitted to ICM typically have academic or English qualifications slightly below the level required for direct admission to the U of M. ICM provides these students a program with small class sizes and additional instruction; the program helps students to acclimatize to life in Canada and to adapt to studying at a major research focused university.

The U of M issues a joint Letter of Offer for students applying to ICM that outlines the ICM program of study and subsequent degree program options available to qualified students as they move to the U of M.

I hope this information will be of assistance when processing the study permit of students who are intending to study at the University of Manitoba via the ICM pathway.

Yours sincerely,

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