

Dear selection committee,

I would like to express my desire to participate in the PIMS undergraduate summer school. I hold a Bachelor degree of high school education, specialized in mathematics. Even though I flourished in this degree, my hunger for mathematics was not totally satisfied. Therefore, I undertook a bachelor of statistics and I am now finalizing my second year at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

I am confident that my teaching experience has given me the ability to inspire others and to connect with people through my love of mathematics. I feel that, especially with young women, it is important to communicate the beauty of science and mathematics and show how we can innovate and change the face of science.

I was myself inspired by a driven mathematician woman to choose my new profession. Now faced with multiple career paths, I would benefit from exchanging with inspiring women who I share a passion with, once again. This would allow me to explore possibilities I haven't considered yet and build a network of soon to be experts. Furthermore, I will see female leadership in action, learn from it and, later on, embody it. I strongly feel that this workshop will give me the tools to achieve my goals.

Thank you for offering this opportunity to future scientific female leaders.

Should my candidacy be approved, I would require on-campus accommodation.

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