Dear Mishra family,

I am writing you to express my gratitude for awarding me with the $500 Mishra Education Abroad Fellowship. Your support will have a decisive impact in my research on the interchange of languages (tandems) as a co-curricular project.

A satisfactory tandem experience implies the development of language confidence (crucial for linguistic gains when abroad), fluency, and intercultural competence. Tandems also contribute to university internationalization. With your generous support, I will seek to establish a tandem program in Madrid, Spain, during the Spring Quarter of 2014. This fellowship will also help my research experiments on this matter.

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to the Mishra family for supporting this project. I am confident that this experience will have a significant impact on the development of my dissertation, also hoping to make a valuable contribution to the fields of Second Language Acquisition and Study Abroad.

Sincerely,

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