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Dear Sir/Madam, My name is Do Nhat Linh and I would like to express my interest in studying Linguistics at Leiden University.

I have always been thoughtful about my future; building a career, becoming a successful person and generally finding my own path in life. I am from a middle-class Vietnamese family and our country is a developing one, with a relatively low standard of living. When I grew up and learned how much it actually cost to go to school, I understood that they had tried really hard so that I could continue my study until now. However, the cost to my further education is simply too high and that's why I need a scholarship or at least some financial support in order to continue my studies in The Netherlands. My father is paid a very low salary by a company which recently restructured and downsized its workforce. Therefore, my mother has to work hard day and night for our living and tuition fees. Everyday, difficulties and financial problems are confronting us.

However, my parents who have always supported me in studying and cultivated an attitude to never stop me pursuing my future career. One day, I realised that my dream is studying abroad, gaining new knowledge and new life experiences, and learning other cultures. I think it is especially important to acquire modern, advanced ideas and methods that will allow me to help develop my country as well as to recover my family's finance.

The Netherlands is a kingdom which borders a lot of countries, which are also highly developed countries, such as Germany to the east and Belgium to the south. Hence, there are a lot of opportunities for me to interact with different languages, cultures and ideas from around Europe.

I believe that The Netherlands is the best place for studying abroad as it is a great international research centre. Also, I was delighted to discover that your university is located in one of my favourite cities, Leiden. I find languages very interesting, attractive and beautiful in a way. Especially, I would like to become a person who connects those modern cultures, traditional values and quintessence such as the intangible cultural heritage of humanity, arts and design. In order to do that I need to study deeply in language as a means of communication and a vehicle for change as well, and I am sure that your Linguistics program and Dutch education will help me to choose the right strategies and accomplish my plans.

Working in the field of language is not just my future profession, it is also my main hobby and I see no profession for me other than one related to language. After graduating from high school in May 2016, I was accepted by Vietnam National University in Hanoi, Vietnam on August 2016 with a major in International Business. However, I felt pressured to accept it for various reasons, this career was never my dream. After six months studying, wasting money and time but not receiving good results, I gradually realised that it was not the right choice. Compared to Europe, classical Vietnamese education is very broad, traditional and conservative. This means that it is very difficult to focus on one particular topic and become a professional in the chosen area. I am really into European education and Dutch universities, especially Leiden University because they are focused on practical usage and development of skills required by employers.

Leiden University is also known world-wide for its international education, high level of research education and leading positions among Dutch

universities. This is why I have chosen, and hope to be accepted to your university. By reading the course curriculum available online, I have found that subjects offered in this program are specifically in line with my professional goals. Additionally, the mandatory study abroad semester provides a great grounding in which to further experience divergent cultures and the exchange knowledge. Concerning my personality, I believe that I am a very responsible individual and get on well with different people.

I love learning new things in life. I am a person who is interested in making convincing speeches whenever I have the chance to present in front of people and I am also fascinated by communication in general such as the history and diversity of languages in the world. As regards my interests, beside writing and reading, I am glad to say that I am not a person who is only engaged in studies, there are numerous social activities I also enjoy. In early 2015, I went on a charity trip to a secondary school in Phu Tho province where we shared out clothes, books and items among poor students and children there after some fundraising events in Hanoi. I wish I could have more chances like that to teach others the beauty of language and our culture so as to help them escape poverty and develop their dreams, as I have the chance to. In early 2017, I started to work as a volunteer at My Hanoi - a nonprofit organisation in Vietnam which helps our city to promote cultural integration opportunities that spread our traditional language and customs. Those social activities have crystallised my dream to become a language-interpreter and culture researcher. Once I have finished my studies in your university, I would definitely like to return to my homeland and contribute my

efforts and the knowledge I received in your university to my own country in order to spread prosperity and growth.

I have clear plans for my future, I am confident that I could reach my dream to become an interpreter and a linguist by pursuing my passion for language. By applying for a Masters degree in Translation and Interpreting, I could then find a job in interpreting or language researching in the National Translation Centre for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam. The opportunity to study in Leiden University would not only develop myself but also help me to make significant contributions to the EU and Asia as well.

Nevertheless, none of this will be possible without your help, without a scholarship and I would gratefully appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate my skills, experience in Leiden University; It would be a great support and encouragement I need at this moment, to take brave new steps in my life.

Thank you very much in advance for considering my application. I

look forward to your positive response. Sincerely yours,