

Dear Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald,

My name is Kevin Wan, and I am currently a second-year graduate student at Stanford University pursuing a PhD degree in mechanical engineering. I am writing to express my appreciation for the John R. Macdonald Memorial Fellowship that has provided me financial support over the past year. The fellowship has helped me greatly by providing me flexibility in pursuing different research interests without worrying too much about finances. I was able to work on different projects, and I was also able to focus more on coursework since the fellowship gave me some buffer time to find a research position.

My current research interests generally lie in energy conversion. For example, I am currently working on a project involving flame synthesis of carbon nanoparticles (fancy speak for soot) for use in solar cells. Outside of research, I enjoy playing and watching basketball, biking, hiking, and playing video games.

Again, I want to reiterate my appreciation for the support provided by the John R. MacDonald Fellowship. Without this fellowship, I most likely would not have had the opportunity to come to Stanford and pursue a career in academia. So again, thank you for supporting students like me in their pursuit of knowledge.

Sincerely,

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