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Dear Professor Wang,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to me through the Candy R. Wei International Travel Endowment Fund. Thank you for sharing Candy's story with the world, and especially with me. I have struggled with depression from a young age; my art practice is a major part of how I cope and also how I learn about myself and my story. I feel inspired and emboldened by her story. I am so grateful for the opportunity to study abroad this summer in Florence, Italy and am definitely prepared for the experience to be life changing.

I'm a BFA student who works mostly in photography and video, and I'm really excited to study in Florence because I'll be taking a black & white film photography class. It's been a dream of mine since I was twelve years old to learn how to develop film and work in a darkroom. I'm also looking forward to exploring the art and architectural history in Italy and the overall culture in Florence; the unbelievable breadth and depth of cultures always inspires me and propels my work to go deeper.

If you would like, you can look at my portfolio at this website:

<https://rachelcgermaine.myportfolio.com/> or contact me at this email address:

 Once again, thank you.

Best,

Rachel Germaine