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Greetings -

Attached, please find my statement of interest for a signature experience attached to my Art & Environmentalism course.

Thank you so much for this initiative.

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As part of my Art & Environmentalism course, I am offering an optional 10-day trip to Italy to visit Rome, Venice, and Florence. The purpose of the trip is to further the goals of Mines@150 by fostering students' passions, increasing their contextual understanding of the world, and allowing them to experience environmental art and innovative design firsthand. For example, in Venice, students will not only be able to see examples of Byzantine art that show how water made international trade possible, but also the MOSE system, which is a cutting-edge piece of engineering that protects Venice from flooding due to climate change.

I will be asking for funds to cover my basic costs and to offer two scholarships a year to make the trip accessible to a student population that might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend. Long-term, I hope to grow this program and foster meaningful professional connections with environmental institutions in Italy.