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Dear Ruth,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, upon recommendation by the Graduate Program on the Environment Admissions Committee, that you have been accepted into the Fall 2022 cohort for the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree at The Evergreen State College. If you would like to accept your admissions to the Fall 2022 cohort, please email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

To celebrate your admission to the program, I would like to invite you to the **MES Fall 2022 Cohort Day on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 from 6pm to 10pm, Pacific Time**. This is an optional event where you can meet faculty, and current students, and learn about the opportunities available to you as an MES student. Fall 2022 Cohort Day will be a virtual event which you will receive the zoom link for once you register at: evergreen.edu/mes/fall-2022-cohort-day.

Important notifications from the college and MES will be sent to your Evergreen email address periodically, so be sure to set it up as soon as you receive the Evergreen account activation email and check it regularly. Directions for how to setup your account can be found in the **Welcome to Evergreen** document enclosed with this letter. Starting now, we will send out paid internships, jobs, and other opportunities for MES students to your Evergreen email address. Please also keep your mailing address updated through your **my.evergreen.edu** student portal which you will be able to login to once your student email and password have been setup.

Fall registration opens **May 16th at 8:00am, PT**! As a new MES student, you are required to enroll in the first MES core class: graduate Conceptualizing our Regional Environment (gCORE). All core courses are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-10pm (PT). If you intend to finish in two years, you should also take an elective course along with gCORE. You will be able to register for Fall quarter's required core class, gCORE, and an elective of your choice through your **my.evergreen.edu** student account, once it's setup. You may also take spring and summer 2022 courses with MES as a special (non-matriculated) student - up to eight credits of these courses will count toward your degree. To see the courses offered, go to evergreen.edu/catalog/grad/mes. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to MES Assistant Director, Averi Azar at averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

This year, Fall quarter starts on September 26th, 2022. **We will hold a mandatory orientation on Friday, September 16th, 2022.** All new students are required to participate. In mid-August, we will send more details about orientation, and Fall quarter by email if you have accepted this offer of admission.

If you are interested in applying for MES Scholarships, you will receive a separate message this quarter with information about how to apply for the scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers the MES program is able to offer applicants and current students. If you applied for financial aid by completing your FAFSA or WASFA, then a separate email from the Financial Aid office will inform you of your eligibility for loan awards, tuition waivers, and Evergreen Need Grants. If you did not apply for aid or did not fill out your FAFSA or WASFA, you will still be eligible for loans by filling out your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov. Non-citizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at wsac.wa.gov/wasfa. If you are active duty military, a veteran,

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or dependent interested in using education benefits for graduate school, please connect with the Veterans Resource Center at Evergreen to determine your eligibility and to activate your benefits by reaching out to them at veterans@evergreen.edu. You can find more information on their website at evergreen.edu/veterans.

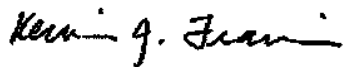
If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averil Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing averil.a.azar@evergreen.edu. Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program and is due by **April 1st, 2022**. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email Averil Azar to confirm your admissions decision in writing as soon as possible.

We are excited to meet you and share more about the program. We select the incoming cohort of students with considerable care. We hope this opportunity to participate in our program will be meaningful to you. You will be part of a diverse, capable, and dedicated group of people. The MES faculty and staff look forward to having you join us in September.

If you have any questions, please contact me at francisk@evergreen.edu or Averil Azar at averil.a.azar@evergreen.edu.

Once again, thank you for applying to Evergreen's MES program!

Sincerely,
Kevin Francis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin G. Francis".

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