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Dear Alexandra,

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 2023 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 2023 cohort, please email Assistant Director, Averi Azar, at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu).

To celebrate your admission to the program, we would like to invite you to **MES Admitted Student Day 2023 on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 10am to 4pm, Pacific Time, in-person at The Evergreen State College**. 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. Admitted Student Day 2023 will be an in-person event which you can register for at: [evergreen.edu/mes/admitted-student-day-2023](https://evergreen.edu/mes/admitted-student-day-2023), or you can register using the QR code to the right.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2023 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](https://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](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu).

This year, Fall quarter starts on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **We will hold a mandatory Orientation on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 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](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Non-citizens who meet Washington State residency requirements can apply for financial aid resources at [wsac.wa.gov/wasfa](https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa).

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If you are active duty military, a veteran, 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](mailto:veterans@evergreen.edu). You can find more information on their website at [evergreen.edu/veterans](http://evergreen.edu/veterans).

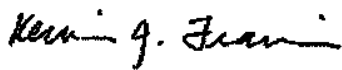
If you wish to accept this offer of admission, please promptly inform Averí Azar, the MES Assistant Director, by emailing [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu). Enclosed are directions to pay your tuition deposit. This non-refundable \$100.00 deposit reserves your space in the program and is due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. If you cannot accept this offer of admission, please email Averí 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](mailto:francisk@evergreen.edu) or Averí Azar at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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