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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am a research scientist with special interests in studying how cells function and what happens in human diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease. I had been fortunate to be taught by the best basic scientists working on how proteins are made in the cell at the University of Manchester who equipped me with great tools that I use still.

I am now working at the University of Limoges, and I am heading research on a new chair on lung cancer. On arrival at Limoges, I taught many Master students in my broken French on a project that I had designed. All students were motivated and worked successfully on their projects. Several students came back to me at the end of my training in the lab asking if I knew someone in the UK who would take a student for 6 months training. I helped them to secure their training in several teams at the University of Manchester and Liverpool. I am very pleased to say that one of these students is now working as a scientific engineer at a Cancer Institute in Paris.

I have helped many students like this at the University often for no personal gain, however the satisfaction of watching students realize their dreams can be amazing. Just over 3 years ago, I started to teach a Masters course at the Faculty of Science. It was quite scary as I had not taught in the classroom before but my training from Manchester equipped me with many transferable skills. In fact, I enjoyed it so much, I look forward to the time of my teaching as it takes me away from my research for a short time. I consider it an honour to give back some of the skills I have been taught to my students.