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Application for Long-Stay Student Visa

Dear Visa Officer,

I am Laykawn Gritworks' Candidate, a Nigerian citizen holding passport number *****, and I am writing to formally introduce myself and support my application for a long-stay student visa to pursue an MSc in Project Management at ESC Clermont Business School in Clermont-Ferrand, France. I have been admitted to this prestigious program for the session commencing on September 25, 2026, and I am eager to commence my studies to advance my professional capabilities in project leadership. This opportunity aligns seamlessly with my academic background and career trajectory, and I am committed to returning to Nigeria upon completion to apply my enhanced skills in contributing to national development.

My academic and professional journey has equipped me with a strong foundation in resource management, organizational skills, and customer-focused operations, all of which have prepared me for advanced studies in project management. I hold a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed. Hons.) in Home Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, completed in November 2021. This degree emphasized efficient resource allocation, household and business management, and problem-solving, which are core elements that directly relate to project planning and execution. Prior to university, I earned my National Business and Technical Examination Board (NABTEB) certification in 2012 from Genesis Continuing Education Academy, Akure, Nigeria. Professionally, since April 2022, I have served as Marketing Manager at Oluwasegun Cleaning Services in Ogun State, where I oversee client acquisition, team coordination, and operational strategies, managing projects from inception to delivery while ensuring timely execution and stakeholder satisfaction. Earlier roles include Data Entry Officer at Grace and Mercy Households Improvement Initiatives (November 2021–March 2022), where I handled loan disbursements, data reconciliation, and document tracking; Virtual Customer Service Representative at The Top Style Fashion (July–October 2021), focusing on order processing and issue resolution; and Customer Service Representative during my NYSC at Adebowale Oludotun Nigeria Limited (March–July 2020), where I developed customer support strategies to boost retention. Additionally, as a member of the Feed The Old In The Rural Area Foundation (F.T.O.) since March 2020, I organize distributions of food and medical supplies to elderly and underprivileged communities, honing my abilities in logistics, team leadership, and resource optimization. These experiences have ignited my passion for structured project management, motivating me to pursue formal expertise to elevate my contributions in Nigeria's service and development sectors.

I have selected MSc in Project Management at ESC Clermont Business School due to its rigorous, industry-aligned curriculum that perfectly complements my background and aspirations. The program's focus on advanced project management concepts, lean principles, agile methodologies, and digital tools will enable me to master planning, steering, and controlling complex projects in multicultural settings. I am particularly attracted to the experiential learning approach, including real-life projects coached by certified professionals from multinational companies, and the preparation for PMI and lean/agile certifications, which will enhance my practical skills. The school's accreditation by the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, strong industry partnerships (including collaborations for double degrees with institutions like the University of Nottingham Trent), and faculty comprising leading professors and business practitioners ensure a blend of theoretical depth and real-world application. Studying on Clermont-Ferrand campus, with its central location and multicultural student body, will foster the global perspective I need to excel.

France offers a structured and internationally recognized framework for project management education that aligns with my professional needs. Her higher education system's international recognition, affordable tuition in public and grande école institutions, and multicultural environment will allow me to gain a global outlook on project management practices, particularly in emerging economies like Nigeria. Unlike programs elsewhere, France's focus on blending

theory with practical, experiential learning, such as through supervised internships and industry-driven curricula, aligns with my need for hands-on skill development. This will equip me with competencies in areas like risk management and stakeholder engagement, essential for addressing Nigeria's infrastructure and business challenges.

Upon completing the program, I plan to return to Nigeria to leverage my expertise as a certified Project Manager, contributing to sustainable infrastructure and business development projects. With Nigeria's growing economy and initiatives like the Sustainable Development Goals, there is high demand for skilled professionals in sectors such as services, microfinance, and community development; areas where my background in home economics and customer operations will intersect effectively. I intend to advance within Oluwasegun Cleaning Services, potentially expanding it into larger-scale operations or consulting on project efficiency for similar enterprises, while also applying my skills to non-profits like F.T.O. to optimize aid distribution. My strong ties to Nigeria, including my marriage, family responsibilities, ongoing employment, and community involvement, ensure my return, as my long-term goals are rooted here, not in permanent relocation.

I have made comprehensive arrangements for my stay in France. My tuition fees of €12,950 and living expenses (meeting the minimum €615 per month) are fully covered by my husband's financial support, as evidenced by attached bank statements, sponsorship letter, and proof of his stable income from Laykawn Gritworks Limited. I have secured accommodation near the campus and obtained health insurance, with all supporting documents, including admission letter, financial proofs, travel itinerary, and ties to Nigeria, submitted for verification.

In conclusion, this MSc represents a strategic step to enhance my professional impact in Nigeria, and I am genuinely committed to my studies without intent to overstay. I appreciate your consideration of my application and am available for an interview to discuss further. Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,
Laykawn Gritworks' Candidate.