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Re: NOAA Sea Grant 2017 Aquaculture Initiative
Proposal entitled "**Aqua-Manna 2.0: An Integrated
Offshore Finfish Feed Buoy and Information
Center**"



Dear Professor Ge,

The Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Honors program at Stony Brook University seeks to increase the number of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields through outreach, recruitment and retention efforts. Combining the vast resources of a major university with the close bonds of a small community, WISE Honors enables female undergraduate students to work closely with peers and faculty to academically excel and achieve a solid research background in their fields of interest. Moreover, the WISE Pre-College Program reaches out to local schools to inspire young women to pursue STEM degrees.

We are pleased to offer our support in jointly organizing outreach activities for your project titled "Aqua-Manna 2.0: An Integrated Offshore Finfish Feed Buoy and Information Center". Working with your team, we would like to offer a workshop for WISE Honors students on underwater robotics and its impact on Aquaculture and organize a field trip for the students so they will first hand understand the challenges of off shore aquaculture. In addition, the WISE Honors students will work on integrating this knowledge and help to create and disseminate educational materials to inform the local working waterfront and the general public about aquaculture globally and locally.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Bugallo".

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