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To kind attention of Prof. **ANTONELLO MIRANDA**
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FINAL REPORT

Dear Prof. Miranda,

Thank you for funding my visit to the University of Palermo via the ASCENT program. During my time here I have enjoyed working with faculty and students and getting to teach methods for impact evaluations and for meta-analysis.

Specifically, over the mornings of January 8 and January 9, I taught a total of a 4-hour workshop on an Introduction to Impact Evaluation to about 30 faculty and PhD students. The workshop included an introduction to program evaluation and causal inference (Day 1) and an introduction to randomized experiments and quasi-experiments (Day 2).

During the remaining 3 weeks of my visit, I met with Prof. Valeria di Martino and others, including her colleagues Prof. Marta Pellegrini and her PhD student Carmen Pannone, for 4 hours each morning. In these sessions, I taught them methods for designing and analyzing cluster and multi-site randomized trials in schools, including statistical models, research designs, and power-analysis methods. In other sessions, I taught them quasi-experimental methods. Finally, in other sessions, I provided guidance on how to conduct a meta-analysis, including effect size conversions and data analysis.

I have greatly enjoyed my time here at the University and am very thankful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
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