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Dear Dr. Brzakovic,

As Senior Manager of Educational Research and Evaluation, I am writing to confirm our intent to participate in the proposed Columbia-led **STC: Center for Learning the Earth with Artificial Intelligence and Physics (LEAP)**. Specifically, we will partner with LEAP to equitably support students via:

1. BridgeUp, supporting data-driven natural science through scholarships, fellowships, and hackathons for high school girls and post-baccalaureate women.
2. Urban Advantage to bring investigation-based science into classrooms, annually reaching 930000 middle school students (90% self-reporting as black or Hispanic.) LEAPangeon will provide accessible and relevant resources. Project outcomes will be incorporated into public-facing interactive exhibition elements in AMNH's Hall of Planet Earth.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to participating in the site visit on Tuesday, September 22nd for the Integrating Research & Education and Developing Human Resources presentations from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



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