

Dear Mrs. Jacqueline Schindler,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere and deepest gratitude for having supported me during the last part of the Master of Science in Process Engineering of ETH Zürich.

I was really happy and proud when I learned that I had received the Master Thesis Grant.

Thanks to the financial support of the ZKS foundation, I was able to spend more than half a year in United States where I wrote my Master Thesis, which has been definitely the most challenging step before graduating. During the American stay, I had the great privilege to be hosted by Professor Allan S. Myerson as a visiting student in his research group at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Under the supervision of a postdoctoral researcher (Dr. Lucrèce Nicoud), I conducted research on the purification of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients by crystallization, more precisely, on how to control crystal polymorphism, which is phenomenon of great interest in the pharmaceutical industry. The study, which Lucrèce and I conducted, has also resulted in three publications which will be helpful for both the scientific and industrial community.

Besides having acquired further knowledge related to the topic and practice in doing research, I had the opportunity to meet inspiring people, be in contact with different cultures and do a life experience which I will never forget.

Without any doubts, your generosity has consolidated in me the sense of helping others and of giving back to the society. I hope one day, I will be able to support students in following their dreams, just as you did with me.

Once again, THANK YOU!

Filippo