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I would like to support the application of my PhD student Sofie A. Martins for a reduced fee at the lattice conference this year. Sofie just started her PhD program at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). Despite the short time she was at SDU, she has proactively started collaborating on several projects within the lattice group.

Granting her a reduced fee for the conference, it would allow Sofie to present her interesting master thesis work on the size of finite volume effects on lattices with  $C^*$  boundary conditions. She showed via analytic calculations that at leading order  $C^*$  boundary conditions imply a much smaller finite volume effects for charged observables.

This lattice conference would also be the first one attended by Sofie, and it would allow her to meet more members of our research community and to be introduced to many new interesting research topics.

I hope it would be possible to grant Sofie the reduced conference fee. If granted, expenses for travel and accommodations will be covered by our department.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Claudio Pica' in a cursive script.