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Dear Dean:

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Thank you for forwarding to the American Geological Institute (AGI) your document describing the proposed development of the Precambrian Research Center (PRC) within the auspices of the University of Minnesota Duluth. The AGI supports the PRC initiative, especially its emphasis in undergraduate and graduate student geological mapping and associated field-based research. These field and associated skills form the foundation of geology, as new observations made in the field often lead to the discovery of new features and/or relationships, which fosters new ideas and the further development of the geological sciences. In many respects, the validity of future advances in the geological sciences depends immensely on the fundamental geologic principles best learned and understood in the field. In addition, the development of a open enrollment summer field camp emphasizing the Precambrian rocks of the Canadian Shield would be unique in the US, and has the ability to greatly enhance the educational experiences of geology students from throughout the country.

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