

To: Potential Advisor

Subject: Prospective Student Inquiry (Fall 2021)

Dear Dr. [professor's last name],

My name is [your first/last name] and I recently graduated from [college/university name] in [month/year OR only year] with [degree earned]. I am interested in pursuing [desired degree], which lead me to look into [college/university name] and your lab. I was really excited when I came across your work since one of my main research interests is [your research interest] and how this influence may lead to [topic in your field that is linked to your research interest and the professor's]. This interest blossomed from the work that I did with Dr. [professor's first/last name] through [summer REU program/other lab experience] in [year], where we analyzed [project description].

I believe that my interests align well with work produced by your lab, particularly the research on [professor's research topic]. I really enjoyed reading your recent publication on this topic and would love to research similar topics to further our understanding of [whatever topic you think needs to be studied more].

I was wondering whether you will be accepting new graduate students into your lab for [Fall 2021]? If so, I have attached my CV with a bit more about my background and the work that I have done for your consideration.

Thank you so much for your time!

[your first/last name]