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[Professor/Researcher Name]  
[Department of Economics]  
[University Name]

Dear Professor [Last Name],

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Undergraduate Research Assistant position for your project titled "[Project Name/Research Topic]" as advertised via [Source of Listing]. As a [Year] Economics student with a focus on [Specific Interest, e.g., Econometrics/Development], I have followed your work regarding [Mention a specific paper or topic of theirs] and am eager to contribute to your current data collection and analysis efforts.

My academic background has provided me with a solid foundation in [Quantitative/Qualitative] methods. I have completed coursework in [Relevant Class 1] and [Relevant Class 2], where I developed proficiency in [Software, e.g., STATA, R, Python, or Julia]. In a recent project titled "[Project Title]," I successfully [Briefly describe a specific technical achievement, e.g., cleaned a large longitudinal dataset / performed a regression analysis to identify X].

Beyond technical skills, I am highly organized and accustomed to the rigorous documentation required in academic research. I am particularly interested in your methodology regarding [Specific aspect of their research] and am confident that my ability to [Specific skill, e.g., conduct literature reviews / manage complex spreadsheets] would be an asset to your research team.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application. I have attached my CV and [Optional: Transcript/Writing Sample] for your review. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can support your research goals during an interview.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]  
[Your Printed Name]