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Dear Dr. [PI Last Name],

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Research Assistant position for the [Name of Lab/Study] at [University/Organization], as advertised on [Platform/Website]. As a [Your Current Status, e.g., Senior Psychology Student] with a keen interest in [Specific Research Area, e.g., Cognitive Development], I am eager to contribute to your ongoing work regarding [Specific Project or Topic Mentioned in Job Posting].

My academic background has provided me with a solid foundation in psychological research methodologies and statistical analysis. During my time at [University Name], I completed coursework in [Relevant Course 1] and [Relevant Course 2], where I gained hands-on experience with [Specific Skill, e.g., SPSS, R, or Qualtrics]. Additionally, my experience in [Previous Lab or Volunteer Role] allowed me to develop proficiency in [Specific Task, e.g., participant recruitment, data entry, or conducting literature reviews].

I am particularly drawn to your lab's recent publication on [Title or Topic of Lab's Recent Paper]. My own research interests align closely with your focus on [Specific Variable or Theory], and I am motivated to apply my attention to detail and organizational skills to support your team's data collection and analysis efforts.

I am confident that my technical skills and dedication to empirical research make me a strong candidate for this role. I have attached my CV and academic transcripts for your review. Thank you for your time and for considering my application.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature (if sending by mail)]

[Your Printed Name]