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[Search Committee Chair Name]
[Department of Psychology]
[University Name]
[University Address]

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to formally apply for the Assistant Professor position in [Specific Area of Psychology] at [University Name], as advertised in [Source]. As a [Current Role] at [Current Institution] specializing in [Research Subfield], I believe my research program on [Core Research Topic] aligns closely with the department's goals and the [Specific Lab/Institute Name].

Research Background and Contributions

My research primarily examines [Core Research Question]. In my doctoral/postdoctoral work, I have utilized [Specific Methodologies/Technologies] to investigate [Key Finding or Phenomenon]. This work has resulted in [Number] peer-reviewed publications in journals such as [Journal A] and [Journal B]. My dissertation/recent project demonstrated that [Brief Summary of Impact].

Future Research Agenda

At [University Name], I plan to establish the [Proposed Lab Name], focusing on [New Research Direction]. My immediate research aims include [Aim 1] and [Aim 2]. I intend to seek external funding through mechanisms such as the [NIH/NSF/Granting Agency] to support these initiatives. I am particularly excited about potential collaborations with [Faculty Names] regarding [Shared Research Interest].

Teaching and Mentorship

In addition to my research, I am committed to evidence-based pedagogy. I am prepared to teach core courses such as [Course 1] and [Course 2], as well as specialized seminars in [Specialized Topic]. My approach to mentorship focuses on [Mentorship Philosophy], ensuring that undergraduate and graduate students gain hands-on experience in [Specific Research Skill].

Conclusion

I am confident that my background in [Area of Expertise] and my future research trajectory make me an excellent fit for the Department of Psychology at [University Name]. Thank you for

your time and consideration of my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my research and teaching can contribute to your academic community.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature (if sending by mail)]

[Your Typed Name]