## **COVER LETTER RUBRIC**

## VIP|CSL

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	Needs Improvement	Average	Effective
Worksheet Attention to detail	□ Several sections not complete □X Little to minimal effort taken Missing many skills in first section including a large list of transferable skills under the heading " Successful Candidate"	<ul> <li>☐ Most sections complete</li> <li>☐ Created 3 sentences for middle but not all are relevant Instructions not followed well, too hard to read and find the required information</li> </ul>	☐ All sections complete ☐ Created 3 sentences for middle that relate to the job description
Appearance Consistent professional formatting	□ Not formatted consistently, multiple areas to improve □ Missing some contact info or date □ Letter is not addressed appropriately (informal, wrong prefix, spelling error)	□ Formatting is mostly consistent □ Contact info and date is not properly organized □ Letter is not addressed to an individual (Dear Hiring Manager)	□X Consistent professional- looking formatting □X Contact info and dates are complete and organized well □X Letter is addressed properly (Dear Susan Abel)
First Paragraph	□ Self-focused, rather than focusing on the employer □ Job title/ application number not indicated Can you edit this to focus on what you have to offer instead of what you would gain?	□ Explains their interest but not in a unique way □ Identifies job title/application number  You can discuss your experience in more detail on your resume, be more concise in the first paragraph and simply explain your interest and how you are a good fit, what you can give to the role	<ul> <li>□ Demonstrates unique interest in the role</li> <li>□X Identifies job title/application number and how job was found</li> </ul>
Middle Paragraph(s) Relevant skills Qualify or quantify skills	□ Skills/experience/knowledge are vague and common, are not relevant to the job posting □ No examples/evidence provided to demonstrate skills or experience Should only be one middle paragraph. Use words to describe/quantify your success with your experience whenever possible. Simply saying you have "done DFT scan insertion" does not tell the reader you are good at it	□ Skills/experience/knowledge are relevant but are not clearly linked to the job posting □ Example or evidence provided to demonstrate one skill or experience Hard to follow because I don't understand the terminology but I think that you have plenty of relevant experience and perhaps are traying to say too much in one middle paragraph	□X Skills/experience/knowledge are relevant and link clearly to the job □X Multiple examples/evidence provided to demonstrate many skills or experience RTL and gate level simulations, DFT scan insertion, ATPG, waveform, digital IC, -
Closing Paragraph Wrap-up Action	<ul> <li>□ Does not thank the reader</li> <li>□ Does not ask for an interview</li> <li>□ Lacks closing salutation</li> </ul>	☐ Includes thank you statement ☐ Indicates that the candidate is seeking an interview, however not confidently (needs editing)	□X Thanks the reader and answers any logistical questions □X Indicates that the candidate is confidently seeking an interview, also indicates availability

		☐ Closes with inappropriate wording (Yours Truly, With Love)	□X Appropriate closing salutation (Sincerely, Respectfully, Kind Regards)
Language Structure Quality Error-free	□ Lacking variety in wording and/or too many "I" statements □ 3 or more spelling, grammar or punctuation errors If possible, it's helpful to know who is going to read your cover letter first, if it is someone in HR and not the supervisor, you can write more carefully for their understanding.	□ Variety in wording and sentence structure is sometimes used □X 1 or 2 spelling, grammar or punctuation errors Replace done and got with more professional language	X□ Variety in wording and sentence structure is consistently used □ No spelling, grammar or punctuation errors are evident
Overall Score	☐ Needs Improvement*	☐ Average	□X Effective

<sup>\*</sup>Assignment needs to be redone, contact coordinator to set up another review meeting within 48 hours