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Dear Members of the Recruiting Committee,

My name is Fansa KONE, I will be completing my Ph.D. from the Department of Economics at the University of Montreal (UdeM) in June 2025. I'm very interested in the position of POSITION available at INSTITUTION. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to begin my career in the stimulating environment that INSTITUTION provides.

I am a macroeconomist with interests in Public Finance, International Trade, and Applied Econometrics. My job market paper studies the effect of a recently implemented fiscal rule, the Balanced Budget Rule over the business cycle, on economic growth and citizens' welfare. In another co-authored working paper, we study how trade transmits shocks across developing countries and their macroeconomic implications for monetary policy. Additionally, in an ongoing research, we investigate how the transition to renewable energy could threaten public debt sustainability in developing countries. My experience with these projects has equipped me with advanced macroeconomic modeling skills and state-of-the-art causal inference econometric techniques, such as Synthetic Control, heterogeneous event studies, and instrumental variables (IV).

During the past five years, I have gained engaging teaching experience, I presented my research at several conferences and delivered talks in academic and non-academic settings. These experiences significantly improved my communication skills. At the World Bank, I conducted some fiscal incidence analyses, studying the effect of taxes and social transfers on poverty and inequality, with a focus on gender impacts in Togo and Guinea. Additionally, as a consultant for UNICEF, I contributed to developing a EUROMOD-based microsimulation model to guide the government of Kazakhstan in implementing fiscal and social policies. My passion for leadership is evidenced by my role as the PhD students' representative from 2021 to 2023. Furthermore, I actively engage in my community through various volunteering activities.

In both my research and work experience, I have collaborated with people from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, I can work independently with minimal supervision. My CV and other relevant materials are included in this application. Feel free to visit my website at fansakone.github.io. Thank you for your time and attention in considering my application. I look forward to discussing my application with you in further detail.

Sincerely,

Fansa François KONE,