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Subject: Application to position of **Senior Data Scientist** at **UCLA Law School**

Dear Hiring Team,

I am excited to apply for the Senior Data Scientist position at UCLA Law School. As a development economist with extensive experience in quantitative research focused on vulnerable populations, I am passionate about using data to drive evidence-based policy.

After earning my master degree from Georgetown University in 2008, I spent over a decade in research-focused roles at Multilateral Development Banks in Washington, DC. As a Monitoring & Evaluation specialist, I have contributed to several impact evaluations and analytical projects aimed at promoting equitable access to essential services—housing, energy, water and sanitation, education, and health. Since returning to Italy in 2020, I have worked as analytics consultant, advising public and private entities, research institutes, and nonprofits.

Throughout such diverse endeavors, I have handled all the stages of a complex research, from stakeholder consultation and data collection to statistical analysis and results dissemination. Over my professional journey, I have also learned how critical it is to present research findings in ways that are accessible and actionable for diverse audiences. This is one of the reasons why I love open-source programming tools (R, git and GitHub) which promote a research workflow that is reproducible, collaborative and transparent.

UCLA Law School's "Behind Bars Data Project" resonates deeply with my passion for using data to raise awareness about unequal access to basic services and to inform better policy interventions. I genuinely hope to have a chance to discuss how my expertise and background aligns with your team's needs.

I also want to note that, although I am currently based in Italy, I am a U.S. green card holder and fully open to relocation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



(Luisa M. Mimmi)