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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to apply for the lecturer pool position in the Celtic studies department. I believe you will see that my experience qualifies me to teach Modern Irish, Reading & Composition, Celtic history, Celtic literature, and most particularly Celtic linguistics. I have enclosed my CV for your consideration.

I studied linguistics at Rutgers as an undergraduate, then attended graduate school at UC Santa Cruz, where I studied under the Irish linguistics expert Jim McCloskey. I have specialized in the Irish language my entire academic career. I was awarded a scholarship to attend the Formal Approaches to Celtic Linguistics conference at the University of Arizona in 2009, and I am well acquainted with many of the world's leading experts in Celtic linguistics.

I speak Irish fairly fluently, and I am deeply involved in the Irish language community in the Bay Area, as well as in Ireland. I have long experience reading Irish literature in the Irish language as well as in English. I have also studied the Breton, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, and Manx languages, both as a theoretical linguist and as a student of language. I have worked with native speakers of Scottish Gaelic and Breton, at the University of Arizona and at UC Santa Cruz, respectively.

I believe my devotion to the study of the Celtic languages makes me an ideal fit for the position you have offered. I look forward to speaking with you in person.

Thank you,

-Andrew