Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to apply for the Senior Software Engineer position on the Wikidata Platform team at the Wikimedia Foundation. As a seasoned backend engineer with a passion for distributed systems and data platforms, I am confident that my skills and experience make me an ideal fit for this role.

With over 5 years of experience in designing, building, and maintaining backend systems and APIs, I possess a deep understanding of database and knowledge graph representation technologies and standards. My proficiency in Java and experience with graph databases, search indexes, and data processing pipelines will enable me to make significant contributions to the Wikidata Query Service and related platform services. I am also familiar with modern observability tools and have experience building and operating production-grade services with SLOs.

I am particularly drawn to this role because of the opportunity to work on a mission-driven project that promotes open knowledge and collaboration. My experience working remotely and collaborating with teams across different time zones will also enable me to seamlessly integrate with the Wikimedia Foundation's fully remote team. I am impressed by the foundation's commitment to learning, resilience, and contributing to a mission-driven engineering culture, and I am excited about the prospect of being part of a team that shares my values.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and explore how I can contribute to the success of the Wikidata Platform team.

Best regards,

Asim Bilal