**Email Template: Student Request to Join Lab**

Hello Dr. [*name of professor*],

I am [*your name*], a [*year of education (ex: 3rd)*] year majoring in [*major with optional minor or specialization/concentration*]. I am one of the newly selected [*name of program*] Fellows that will be funded to work in a neuroscience lab from [*dates of program*]. I am writing to express my interest in your work and inquire about potential undergraduate research assistant openings in your lab during that period.

I learned about your lab through my [*name of program*] graduate mentors and have heard amazing things about you as a researcher and as a professor. I was especially fascinated by your work involving [*specific topic*] as I am curious about [*why you’re interested in this topic*]. Specifically, your paper [*enter title of relevant paper*] looking at [*brief summary of findings*] caught my eye because [*why you’re interested in these findings*]. Based on the research in your lab, [*relevant skill (ex: fMRI collection, PCR, etc.)*] is a skill I would like to develop, given my interests in [*your domain of interest*].

Is it possible to meet and discuss the possibility of working as a research assistant in your lab?

Thank you for your time,

[*Your name*]