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I am excited to be writing about the opportunity to work as an Academic Advisor at Oregon State University. I was immediately interested when I saw this position and will briefly discuss how my experience working with students at OSU has prepared me to create a welcoming environment for Fisheries and Wildlife students to succeed during and after their time at OSU. I also will hopefully be able to show how interested I am in this role and how hard I would work to help students and also to succeed myself and become an integral part of the Department.

The primary duty of this job is advising students and enabling their success. I began working with and helping students while still an undergraduate where I was fortunate to gain a position as a Student Athlete Tutor for the OSU Athletics Department. After my undergraduate degree I gained my master's degree in the College of Engineering. My master's thesis involved developing software for distance students to be able to conduct radiation detection labs online. My research was funded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and I also co-authored and was awarded a grant related to distance education. As a graduate student I worked with undergraduate and graduate students as a Teaching Assistant for our distance education program.

Upon completion of this degree I worked as a Graduate Assistant at the Career Development Center while I gained my MBA. During this time I worked with both students and employers to help them find meaningful career opportunities. I also was involved with our Virtual Career Fairs where I worked with both employers and students in a digital environment. Since then I have worked as an Instructor at both OSU and LBCC. I really love helping students and feel that my work as an adviser would be directly related to their overall success and experience at OSU.

I wanted to briefly touch upon my interest in working in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. I actually became interested in the Department during my graduate statistics classes where I met and became friends with a number of Fisheries and Wildlife students. I really fell in love with their research and attended a Conference with them where I was able to learn more about the research being conducted in the Department. In this role I would want to continue to advance my understanding of the Department's research. I hope I am able to speak more about my interest in this role and how my background has prepared me to exceed as an adviser.

Thanks for your time,  
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