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Dr. Tom Griffith, Dean  
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Dear Tom,

Please accept this application for the Application Development Instructor position currently on the district list of job openings.

I feel that my decade-plus of teaching primarily computer science classes here at North Seattle has provided excellent preparation for this position. Additionally, I have taught upper-division and graduate-level classes at the University of Washington, Seattle campus, in General Linguistics, Acoustic Phonetics, and Computational Linguistics. In addition to our typical college student population, I have experience working with a wide variety of students: high school students, including Running Start; international and immigrant populations; ESL students; low-income; senior citizens; and even elementary school students. Also, having worked on the formation of this program for the past year, I know its curriculum, scope, and goals quite well.

I must confess that when you and Bill separately first asked me if I was planning to apply for the position, my knee-jerk reaction was, “Hmmm, probably not,” though I didn’t voice that opinion at the time. I have been very happy as a part-time instructor; I have a reasonable amount of student contact, without the additional administrative overhead that seems to accompany full-time faculty positions. However, the notion of full-time teaching for this program has grown on me. There is a certain sense of ownership that I feel, having watched the program take shape. Not applying for the faculty position would be like helping someone through a pregnancy, but then leaving before the birth the child.

I think the AD BAS degree program is a very good area for the college to develop in. Based on our current CSC curriculum, we already have an excellent reputation within the region; our “graduates” do well in the existing Computer Science programs in the four-year institutions near here. I firmly believe that the new AD BAS has the potential to continue this reputation for very solid preparation in computer science / software development. I want to be involved in the continued development of this area for our college.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Jinguji