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Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position available at your institution. Currently, I am a [Senior Researcher](#) at the University of Turku, Finland. I also serve as the Research Director of the [INVEST-Hub](#), an interdisciplinary center about experimental and quantitative social research.

I obtained my B.A. in Political Science at Catholic University of Chile. Then I received a full fellowship from Rutgers University to pursue my doctoral studies. After receiving my PhD in Political Science from Rutgers University-New Brunswick, NJ, U.S. in May 2017, I spent one year as a post-doctoral fellow at Tulane University-New Orleans, LA, U.S. **My research explores the political economy of institutional development and the role of inequality on democratic development. My methods include historical analyses, quantitative/statistical and experimental methods.** I pay particular attention to new ways of using digital information to construct natural experiments within the potential outcomes framework.

While I've been an academic for several years, I think my analytical, programming and communication skills can be better rewarded in the private sector. Essentially, I don't see a difference between my day-to-day tasks and the tasks this position requires: lots of statistical testing, computational programming, experimental designing, team-working, traveling for meetings/presentations, etc. You might call these things differently but essentially they are the same.

If you consider my profile is relevant to your ends, my proposal to you is that if the conditions are right (i.e., salary and work-life balance wise) I would happily switch to the private sector. I think I have so much to contribute to your organization. My thinking is that I have trained several cohorts of students to perform well in the private sector that I know for sure my profile should match your needs.

Personally, I am an easy going person, non-hierarchical and team-worker, and always ready and happy to learn new stuff.

More information is available on my website: www.HectorBahamonde.com. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you.



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