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Dear Recruiting Manager,

My name is Leander Rodrigues, and I am a Nanotechnology Engineering student at the University of Waterloo and planning on graduating in April 2021. Before that however, I would like to join you **and the Harvard University team in your photonic structures and catalytic/sensing application research.**

We live in an amazing world. Every day, interesting technologies, new software, and crazy ideas are being pursued that can benefit the entire population. It could be the latest social media gimmick, or the next wearable device, but behind all the allure and keynote speeches, there is one fundamental necessity, research. The research is what takes that conceptual idea, and turns it into the next big breakthrough. It explores the newest advances and inspires the next great steps forward for our civilization. Researchers are modern day wizards, turning science fiction into science fact and I want nothing more than to be a part of the magic.

Naturally, when I discovered the job posting for **a Research Assistant at Harvard University**, I couldn’t contain my excitement. For the past few years, I’ve been enthused to explore the latest technologies. This drive led me to take part in Toshiba’s Exploravision contest, and to present a carbon capture solution to Shell Canada as per their Quest Project. In both situations, my team and I spent countless hours sifting through reports and learning increasingly complicated things about biology, chemistry, and material science, but personally I’ve always wanted to be one of the people who created the reports. I want to be in the lab conducting the experiment, rather than reading about it in Scientific American.

I know that the research industry and the work that goes along with it will not be easy, but I am not one to back down from a challenge. I look forward to the opportunity to personally prove myself and join your research in taking the science world to the next level. Thank you considering me for **your Research Assistant** position, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Leander Rodrigues