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Dear Dr Dalgleish,

I am writing in response to your recent advertisement for a position as **Investigator Scientist (IRC204479) in Cognition and Brain Sciences**. I’m excited about this opportunity and am confident I have much to offer the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit.

Currently a Research Fellow in Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the University of Texas (USA) I bring with me a strong statistical background and experience in analyzing cognitive, mood, physiological, and brain imaging data using software packages such as SPSS, SPM, and FSL. Furthermore I have proven experience in designing fMRI and cognitive tasks using Eprime and Authorware.

As shown by my PhD work on the effects of nutritional supplements on brain function and current work at the University of Texas in Houston I can successfully develop, manage and drive research projects to completion. In the research and clinical positions I have held I have been the first point of contact for clients and patients, both on the telephone and face-to-face. At present I have contact with research scientists, technical officers and administration staff at the University of Houston. I am also responsible for the supervision of postgraduate students and research assistants involved my studies. My collaborations with other researchers at UTHealth and external institutions have led to a number of peer-reviewed publications, grant proposals and, more recently, the implementation of focus groups in view of lifestyle interventions for patients with bipolar disorder. Feedback received in relation to my organizational and communication skills is excellent.

Since 2009 I have presented my findings at national and international conferences and have been involved in a number of research projects, which resulted in 21 peer-reviewed publications in which I act as first and second author. My work on the neurocognitive functioning of relatives of patients with bipolar disorder and genetics of substance use has been awarded with Young Investigator research prizes to cover expenses associated with conference presentations.

I’ve enclosed my Curriculum Vitae for your review where you’ll see that prior to my postdoctoral fellowship I completed postgraduate training in clinical neuropsychology Switzerland and in Melbourne (Australia). I’m certain this experience will stand me in good stead for this faculty position.

In closing, I would relish the opportunity to discuss this opportunity further in person or on Skype. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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