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Dear Dr Mangion,

I am writing in response to your recent advertisement for a position as **Lecturer in Psychology (Reference number: 50521A/50506A)**. I’m excited about this opportunity and am confident I have much to offer Victoria University.

Currently a Research Fellow in Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the University of Texas (USA) I have proven experience in successfully developing, managing and driving a research project to completion as shown by my PhD work and current work at the University of Texas in Houston. Furthermore I bring with me a strong statistical background and experience in analyzing cognitive, mood, physiological, functional and structural brain imaging data.

Of relevance for this position is my extensive experience supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students involved in my studies. Furthermore, during my PhD I gained undergraduate teaching experience in abnormal psychology. As part of my postdoctoral fellowship I co-supervised a PhD thesis focusing on substance use in bipolar disorder and have recently finalized the co-supervision of a Master’s thesis in neuroimaging. Furthermore, I taught research methods to medical residents and mentored a PhD student at Houston Medical School. I enjoy engaging with graduate students and feeding off their enthusiasm and new ideas and find it very rewarding and quite satisfying to supervise their work.

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 22 peer-reviewed publications in which I act as first and second author. My work on the neurocognitive functioning of offspring 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’ve also attached my responses to the key selection criteria for the role and am confident I competently meet these criteria and would be a great fit for the 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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