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To whom it may concern,

I am excited to apply for the Assistant Professor position in Graphics and Interaction at the Instituto Superior Técnico. I am pleased to report that last year I graduated from my PhD program at RMIT University (Australia). Having started in June 2024, I have served as a Postdoctoral Fellow under the Digital Futures program, in an industrial partnership between KTH (Royal Institute of Technology, in Sweden) and AstraZeneca, a pharmaceutical company. Working with immersive interfaces within research and teaching for the past 9 years, I believe that I have the skills and experience required to meet the key selection criteria for the position.

I have an emerging track record and recognition for quality research outputs, including publications, development of new research initiatives, and academic awards. My ability to collaborate with fellow researchers will enable me to contribute to the existing research areas within the CS and Eng. Department. I have experience in advising research students, both formally as a supervisor of MSc students, co-advisor of Honours students, and informally as a colleague towards my PhD program peers, and I am confident in my ability to support them effectively. My ability to build effective networks with colleagues will enable me to collaborate with fellow lecturers and supervisors to ensure the success of our students.

I have excellent interpersonal skills appropriate for interacting with students and staff alike. I am committed to teamwork and multidisciplinary collaboration, having led research efforts alongside colleagues from several different academic backgrounds (such as Psychology, Communication Sciences, Education, and Engineering), and several nationalities, having participated in research projects in Brazil, the USA, Sweden, and Australia, and I believe that my ability to work effectively with others will enable me to contribute to the ongoing success of the department.

Beyond that, I have a strong background in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and have experience in delivering programs both in person and online. I have a demonstrated capacity to work effectively with students, and am sensitive to issues related to effective learning. My ability to produce high-quality program materials, negotiate and communicate effectively with students is evidenced by my positive student evaluations and feedback, both at KTH (Sweden), RMIT (Australia), and UFRGS (Brazil). I have experience in coordination roles, having led award-winning research group efforts, helped organize events and talks, as well as chaired a group of student volunteers at an international conference, being confident in my ability to undertake this role effectively. My experience in collaborating with fellow academics will enable me to work collaboratively with both research and teaching teams.

I am excited about the opportunity to join IST and contribute to the research efforts of the department. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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