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**To Whom it May Concern**  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to apply for the full-time research assistant opportunity, which aligns well with my long-term goal of a career in economics research. I believe the combination of my education, previous research experience, and computer skills make me an ideal candidate for the position. As someone born in a small town in China, grew up in large cities, and studied in the United States, I have always been placed between majority and minority, left and right, which gives me a unique and sober perspective on society. I also fully acknowledge my privilege while establishing my ultimate goal of systematically solving poverty issues. Therefore, I am particularly interested public economics, development economics, and household finance. My earliest available date is Jun-01-2022, I commit to work for two years if not longer, and I'm also available for remote part-time work during Spring 2022.

In May 2022, I will receive my Bachelor's degree in Economics and Mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, with minors in Computer Science and Statistics. In addition to quantitative economics education, Mathematics major and CS and Statistics minors gave me a complete skill set for conducting economics research. I have enhanced my research skills as a research assistant for several professors at different institutions, such as Prof. Sandy Yu and Prof. Richard Thakor at Carlson School of Management, UMN. In this position, I applied and became proficient in Python, Stata, and Matlab with real research, gained first-hand experience of data collection, data cleaning, running regressions, writing literature reviews, running machine learning models, convex optimization, web scraping, etc. I have also developed the ability to work both independently and as a team and excellent time management, as well as organizational skills in parallel with my studies and club activities. In addition to working as a research assistant, I was also awarded a research grant to conduct independent research about financial development and economic growth. Those hands-on research experiences further confirmed my long-term interest in research and pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics.

My references are Prof. —, Prof. Sandy Yu —, Prof. —, all at Carlson School of Management, UMN. I sincerely hope that I can get this opportunity, please feel free to contact me if you would like further information. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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