March 23, 2023 Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to apply for the Summer Associate position at Analysis Group. I am confident that my skill set and experience align well with the job description.

I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Applied Economics department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I also completed a master's degree in Economics from the same university before joining the Ph.D. program. During my graduate studies, I gained experience developing, designing, and conducting various research projects. My primary research involves quantitative methods and advanced econometrics tools, including analysis with recent developments in econometrics.

In my current role as a graduate research assistant for the last five years, I have become proficient in advanced causal inference, observational data analysis, and applied econometrics tools such as difference-in-differences, instrumental variables, and regression discontinuity designs.

I am working on several projects, some of which are collaborative works with faculty members and post-docs. My work has been selected for several research awards, including the best paper award scholarship, travel grants, and academic conference presentations. Some of my research work has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, and some are very close to submission.

My research work lies in health economics, human capital, policy analysis, gender, and agricultural economics. In most of my research, I use surveys and administrative data to answer specific research questions. With my experience in data management, analysis, building predictive models, and visualizations, I am confident, I can collaborate effectively with the team to help deliver data-driven solutions that meet business needs.

Before starting graduate school, I also had experience working in the construction industry in various managerial roles. This industry experience is a bedrock for me to work with a diverse team, develop a growth-oriented mindset, and cultivate strong interpersonal skills.

I am excited to bring my skills and experience to your team and contribute to your group's success. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how I can contribute to your organization.

Sincerely,

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