

Motivation Letter for Internship / Scholarship Example

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To Whom It May Concern,¹

I am writing to express my interest in your Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Doctorate Degree program, which was highly recommended by my professor and supervisor, Dr. John Smith.²

As a Pitt alumna, I graduated two years ago with a double major in Psychology and Italian Language and Literature, with a minor in Linguistics and a particular focus on Teaching Methods. During my undergraduate college career, I have been actively involved in several psycholinguistics research studies. In particular, I designed and carried out a study analyzing the relationship between the systematic use of hand gestures and SLA. My results showed a significant improvement in the management of language interference in those subject who were exposed to the hand-gesture and low-context language acquisition condition. Therefore we inferred that the systematic use of gestures in low-content language served as an efficient coping mechanism for cognitive dissonance, allowing the participant to better focus exclusively on the target language.³

¹ *Opening line:* specify a name if you know who you are writing to.

² *Introduction:* specify why you are writing and how you learned of the opportunity you are applying for.

³ *Main Body - Part 1:* talk about your relevant academic career.

Furthermore, for the past two years, I have been working as Director of Studies for a private language school in Milan, Italy, where I was able to study and implement different teaching approaches to English SLA in Italian adult learners. Here I was able to deepen my interest in and commitment to sequential bilingualism and its acquisition.⁴

As I am returning to my academic career, I am looking forward to further investigate language acquisition mechanisms, as well as the positive and negative effects of bilingualism, hopefully taking part in new, cutting-edge research studies. Hence, I believe I would be a strong candidate for your program, which would allow me to explore and pursue my passion.⁵

Please, don't hesitate to contact me for any further information on my previous academic career, my work career, or my future goals for what I hope will be a fruitful collaboration between us.

I hope you will consider my application favorably, and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.⁶

Sincerely,⁷

-Chiara Dellea⁸

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⁴ *Main Body - Part 2*: talk about other relevant jobs or experiences you've had.

⁵ *Main Body - Part 3*: state your interests and motivations for the program or position you are currently applying for. Make sure to point out your strengths.

⁶ *Conclusion*: summarize your points, leave your contacts, and thank your reader.

⁷ *Greeting*: in this context, greet your reader formally.

⁸ *Signature*