

Contacting Research Labs II

EMAIL TEMPLATE

Subject: Interest in Applying to [insert lab here]

Hello [insert Professor/Dr. then name of potential advisor here],

My name is [insert full name here] and I am a [insert year here] at [insert university here], pursuing a degree in [insert major here] and a minor in [optional minor(s) here]. I am currently looking at options for research opportunities for next [quarter/semester/year], and I came across your lab through [my classes, your articles, or your lab website].

I was particularly interested in your lab because it seems to encapsulate my experiences and interests in academia well, and will allow me to grow with new methodology that I might not have the most experience in. I have spent my undergraduate years studying [insert topic relevant to the lab here], with that being my primary research interest. I have found [lab's research topic] to be important in the field because [...]. This was accurately reflected in your recent article [title of article here], which contributed to this field with unique [methodology, experimental design, hypotheses, etc.].

For this reason, I would love to be a part of contributing to your research and potentially apply for a research assistant position for the upcoming [quarter/semester/summer/year]. Will you be hiring then, and if so, what would the application process look like?

I have attached my CV for insight into my research background and interests.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon!

[insert full name here]

[Institution and graduating year]

[Major(s) and Minor(s)]