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Dear Dr. Smith:

Professor Nancy Jones recommended that I contact you regarding the Research Assistant position at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I am a biology major at Bryn Mawr College with experience as a research intern and teaching assistant. I was excited to see your recent posting in Handshake and its intersection with local health and social services agencies. I am passionate about pediatric care and inspired by the work being done at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to improve the health and lives of children. I believe my strong academic training along with my relevant research and organizational skills make me an exceptional candidate for this position.

As a research intern in the Department of Biology at Bryn Mawr I studied the effects of second hand smoke on domestic animals. I maintained data for over 3,000 samples on STATA and writing weekly progress reports. During this experience I developed strong research and communication skills, and I received positive feedback from my professor on the accuracy and organization of my work. I also enjoyed the academic rigor of my biology courses and my 360 course cluster on the *Struggles for Global Health Equity*. Through this interdisciplinary experience I learned about the problems and opportunities in community health promotion, and explored the intersection of science, social science, and the humanities.

Additionally, my experience as a customs person at Bryn Mawr prepared me to work with a team and appreciate diverse perspectives. As a customs person I build trust with new students and provide support as they transition to Bryn Mawr. Through collaboration with my customs partner and hall advisors I lead an orientation and provide ongoing mentoring to promote the success of a diverse population of students.

My research internship and my academic experiences confirmed my interest in healthcare research which aligns well with the responsibilities of the research intern position at CHOP. In addition to my research interests, this work appeals to me personally as I have been a long time nanny for a patient of CHOP and have great respect for the impact advanced medical care can make in the lives of children. It would be an honor to help contribute to this mission. It is with great interest that I submit my resume and I welcome the opportunity to discuss my experiences in more detail during an interview. I can be reached at 267-555-1212 or at mdae@brynmawr.edu. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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