

Dear Prof. R,

My name is OB, and I'm currently at the beginning of my Phd studies at AM's lab at the H. U. My research project (MA, and current project) addresses the influence of prior knowledge on learning of new information and combines behavioral studies as well as fMRI. To broaden my methodological toolkit, I've also ran an EEG study in LD's Lab, examining fixation-related potentials in face recognition.

I'm applying for the Phd program in the Department of Psychology, UCLA, and I'm highly interested in pursuing research of human memory. For example, I'm interested in how brain regions interact in controlling MTL encoding processes such as pattern-separation/completion mechanisms, and in the cognitive mechanisms such neuronal interactions subserve. Prior knowledge, I believe, may be an important factor in these control processes.

Your expertise and the advanced methods developed in your lab would be perfect for pursuing such research, thus I wanted to ask if you will be accepting new Phd students to your lab next year.

I have attached my CV for your consideration.

Looking forward to your reply,  
Best regards,  
OB