

Initial Interest Email to Professor

Subject Line: Interested in applying to your lab for graduate school

Dear Dr. X,

My name is PK, and I work as a full-time research associate for Dr. L and Dr. E at [Post-Bac University] collecting and analyzing fMRI data, and writing/updating MatLab scripts. I also volunteer in Dr. G's lab on a project that investigates the neural response to feedback in adolescents. I graduated from [Undergrad University] in 2014 with honors in cognitive neuroscience. During my undergraduate career, I worked in Dr. B's lab collecting and analyzing fMRI and behavioral data.

I'm interested in joining your lab as a graduate student in the fall of 2016. Are you accepting new grad students for this upcoming cycle?

Your work on the development of decision-making and learning over the course of adolescence is particularly interesting to me. Of course, there may be new directions and work in your lab that isn't published yet and suspect I would be equally excited to work on those projects as well.

Thanks,  
PK