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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am very excited about the possibility of teaching English in your schools and I know I possess the skills you seek. I have a strong command of English as a native speaker but that is of little use if I cannot communicate its intricacies to students. Fortunately, I have had a variety of experiences that have not only shown me how to share my knowledge with others but that have also shown me how enjoyable it can be to do so. For instance, as a teacher's assistant (TA) for a cooking class in college I gained invaluable experience communicating my extensive culinary knowledge to my students which was very rewarding. Being a TA also gave me an appreciation of the difficulties teaching involves and helped me develop the skills to meet and overcome these problems. I also gained experience teaching through my many interactions with other students in college. I frequently tutored classmates on subjects they were less familiar with which taught me how to explain difficult concepts to my peers.

My interest in working in your country also comes from a deep respect and appreciation of your society. I love to explore the world and I have a strong curiosity about the people and customs of your nation. Through this experience I hope to enrich myself through immersion in your culture.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,  
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### Education

**B.S. Astrophysics, California Institute of Technology**

**June 2008**

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### Research

**Independent Research Project with Simon Radford (Caltech Staff) June 2006 – June 2008**

I created an improved version of a radio interferometer design used by a group at Owens Valley. The purpose was to develop a functional radio interferometer to examine atmospheric turbulence above the site of the Caltech Cornell Atacama Telescope in Chile. Components of the project included: mechanical drawing, machining, electronics design and construction, programming and computer work, analyzing and interpreting data, and problem solving.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) at JPL**

**June – August 2005**

Research included working with electronics, programming in LabVIEW, and writing progress reports.

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### Work Experience and Activities

**Cook, Busboy, and Expediter at Alba Ristorante**

**September 2008 – May 2009**

Work involved a very fast paced environment with high demand for organizational and multitasking skills. I also gained experience working with a team of people to ensure a high level of customer satisfaction.

**Teacher's Assistant to Tom Mannion**

**April 2005 – June 2008**

I instructed groups of undergraduate students in basic and advanced cooking methods. We worked together to prepare cooking stations, plan menus, and practice teaching methods. This required a high level of organizational skills to have everything ready for the students and to keep them on task to complete the class schedule for each night.

**Cook and Waiter for Caltech Catering and Events under Tom Mannion April 2005 – June 2008**

I was active in a group effort to prepare and serve meals which ranged from casual buffets to formal twelve course dinners. I also waited tables for multi-course formal meals with up to forty people.

**Waiter, Caltech Dining Services**

**September 2005 – June 2008**

I served dormitory meals with a team of other waiters in a demanding and fast paced environment. The work gave me a solid base of experience in both casual and fine dining waiting environments

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### Awards

**Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout**

**May 2004**

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### References

**Tom Mannion**  
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