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Dear Drs. Makeig and Delorme:

I am writing in application to the postdoctoral scholar position that was posted on HigherEdJobs.com. I have followed your laboratory for some time, with much of your previous publication influencing my dissertation work, and I believe that the majority of our research interests intersect and that I can help your team reach its scholarly goals.

I am currently a doctoral student at Texas A&M University in the Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience program. I have recently defended my dissertation under the supervision of Dr. Patrick Bolger and am wrapping up minor edits before submitting the final manuscript to the Graduate and Professional School for a graduation date in August, 20xx.

My current research examines eye movements as a function of involuntary stimulus. More specifically, I investigate how reading levels are influenced by environmental factors that drive people’s top-down and bottom-up cognitive processing of text and implicit meaning. My research intersects with your team’s research inasmuch as we examine how visual stimuli influence eye movement. Many of our publications are within the same scholarly journals (e.g., *Memory & Cognition, Applied Cognitive Psychology*). My ongoing research has contributed to the Event Descriptor System as well (see on my included CV, Aggie, Reveille, & Sarge, 20xx), so I have much knowledge concerning that area and am comfortable with using it in other research programs.

While my research slightly deviates from the SCALE-optimized forward head models, I have used similar models within two pilot studies that led to my eventual thesis. I believe that this experience would allow me to comfortably adapt to using the SCALE-optimized models in your work.

In addition to specialization in cognition, I have completed coursework in neuroscience, including foundational learning in neuroanatomy, neuroanatomical systems, and perceptual processes. These provide an encompassing knowledge base that informs understanding of the specific neuro-psychological phenomena that The Swartz Institute for Neural Computation examines.

I have included a CV, research statement, and a statement of contribution to diversity with my application packet. I can be reached by phone at (979) 555-5555 or by email at ltaggie@tamu.edu. I look forward to the opportunity of contributing to the exciting work that your lab is currently performing.

Sincerely,

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