

## **Example Letter of an 'Expression of Interest' to potential Professors/Supervisors**

*Note 1: The example below is a suggested template for writing letters to potential graduate program supervisors to express interest in working with them as a graduate student. The template is an examples only. You may use this example to gage the quality of your letter or to stimulate your own ideas for a letter.*

*Note 2: It is highly recommended that you read a few of the relevant papers that the professor has published to determine whether the supervisory relationship, should it come to fruition, would be a good fit for parties involved.*

### *Example*

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Dear Professor [XXX],

My name is [XXX], and I am currently an [*undergraduate/graduate*] student at the University of [XXX]. I have perused your website, reviewed a few of your published studies, and believe that my interests in [*state subject area*] align intimately with your current research thrusts. To date, I have taken [*state a few relevant courses*] and have published articles on [*specify relevant subject*] that have prepared me to undertake a program of advanced study under your supervision.

I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae and an example of one of the relevant papers that I have written that demonstrates my capabilities and potential for advanced work. I would be keen to speak with you regarding my qualifications and a position within your research group as a research assistant at the [*M.Sc./Ph.D.*] level.

Sincerely,  
[XXX]