

# Sample Letters

Inquiry  
Summer Job

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Dr. Virginia Mulvaney  
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Dear Dr. Mulvaney:

After reading the description of your research in the Department of Neurology and Neuroscience bulletin, I am fascinated by the multidisciplinary research approach you are using to investigate how the psychology of reward is affected by both neuronal pathways and cellular physiology in the forebrain regions. I have studied psychology and biology at Cornell for two years and would welcome the opportunity to gain practical training as a biomedical research assistant on your team this summer.

As my resume indicates, I am experienced with a number of laboratory techniques, including maintaining and purifying cell and tissue cultures, media preparation, electrophoresis, chromatography, and enzyme assays. While my research experience has been limited to classroom experiments designed to work out perfectly on the first attempt, I understand that working in a research laboratory requires discipline and perseverance to perform mundane tasks repeatedly and carefully. A strong academic record in neurobiology, physiology, and psychology further demonstrates my motivation, as well as an ability to understand and support your research goals.

I will call you next week to see if we can schedule a time to discuss my interests and qualifications. I will be in New York for winter break from December 14 to January 20, and could meet at your convenience during that period. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel Thomas

Enclosure