

# Letter of Application Example

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Dear Mr. John Lee:

With a strong theoretical background in public health law, as well as practical experience both inside and outside the academic setting, I am excited to apply for the Research Assistant position with the Public Health Law Center. I was informed about this position from my public health law instructor, Anne Barry, who felt I was an exceptional fit for this role. Upon reviewing the position description and having researched more about your Center, I was immediately attracted to the Center's passion for public service, social justice and using law and policy to improve health. As someone who also has a relentless commitment to public health, social justice and institutionalizing health equity I am confident in my ability to bring great value to the Center as a Research Assistant.

This past summer, I had the fortunate opportunity to work as an Executive Pathways Intern at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) alongside public health policy analysts and lawyers in the Office of the Medical Director. One of the many accomplishments I was able to contribute was leading a legislative supported pilot program research project looking at improving birth outcomes for high risk pregnant women. As part of this project, I developed an operational model and flow charts that broke down the multiple stakeholders and funding streams involved in a state's enhanced maternal care management program. This model was aimed to guide state policy experts through different long-term sustainability efforts for the legislative pilot program.

As an undergraduate student majoring in global studies, with a minor in political science, I had the unique opportunity to study international human rights law at the Rene Cassin International Institute in Strasbourg, France. It was there when I first realized the intersection of law and public health; a concept that I further studied in my public health law and ethics courses as part of my MPH – Administration and Policy degree program at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Collectively, these experiences along with my work at DHS have confirmed my passion and interest in public health law and that law can be used positively and effectively to improve population health.

My education background and experience in public health law and research would enable me to be an immediate contributor to your team in the Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. It would be my pleasure to meet with you to further discuss this position. My resume and writing sample are enclosed for your review. Moreover, while I currently do not have work-study status, I remain very much committed and interested in this research opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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