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Dear Prof. Babu,

I am writing to you in order to solicit names and applications from some of your finest undergraduate and post-graduate students interested in pursuing a Doctoral (or Masters) degree in Chemical Engineering. We have been fortunate enough to recruit some of your finest students in the past and are asking your help in recruiting other students from your prestigious department.

As you are aware, the department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Houston has been a top rated department for the last twenty five years, largely in part to the vibrant, enthusiastic and diverse graduate student population that we have attracted. With the hiring of Prof. Mike Harold as the new chair of the department and recent hires of faculty with research interests in materials and biotechnology, we believe we are at the forefront of Chemical Engineering research.

The research conducted in our department is diverse and spans cutting-edge work in biotechnology, biochemical engineering, nanotechnology, electronic and polymeric materials and complements our existing strengths in reaction engineering, catalysis, multiphase flow, process control and petroleum engineering. The research undertaken is funded by national agencies (NSF, NIH, NASA, DOE, NIST, ACS-PRF), state agencies (Texas ATP & ARP programs), numerous foundations and petrochemical and pharmaceutical companies. The city of Houston provides a vibrant atmosphere for Chemical Engineers with nearly every major petrochemical company having significant research

and production activities, the development of six billion dollar Biotechnology Park, proximity to the “Silicon Valley” of Texas, and employing the largest number of Chemical Engineers in any US metro area.

Graduate students admitted to our program are usually provided with **full financial support**. This financial support package includes a stipend of \$18,000, full tuition waiver and health coverage. Additionally, on an average a quarter of our incoming students typically qualify for University Scholarships that provide an additional scholarship of ~ \$6,000 per year for a period of two years. Several other unique features of the graduate program at UH include:

- (a) Average time for graduation with doctoral degree 4.25 years.**
- (b) We give students plenty of time to meet the faculty and select research projects.**
- (c) The student-to-advisor ratio is small, typically with four or five students per research group.**
- (d) The department has an outstanding record for placement in industry, national laboratories and academia.**

I look forward to receiving applicants from your distinguished University. If you have any questions about our graduate program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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