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I am responding to your announcement for a tenure-track Assistant professorship in Behavioral Neuroscience. I received my doctorate in Experimental Psychology from the University of Vermont in 2002. My masters and dissertation research was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Bruce Kapp. Since graduating, I have trained as a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Michael Bardo in the Psychology Department at the University of Kentucky. I am seeking an academic position involving research and undergraduate and graduate teaching.

As a student and a postdoctoral fellow, I have gained experience in advising and teaching undergraduates in a variety of areas of psychology and neuroscience. I have also had the opportunity to serve as an advisor for an undergraduate honors thesis, assist undergraduates in obtaining funding for research projects, and assist undergraduates in preparing presentations for national conferences and writing manuscripts. My research has been well-funded as a postdoctoral fellow through a National Research Service Award. As a faculty member, I plan to develop an independent research program continuing my interest in behavioral neuroscience and hope to involve both graduate and undergraduate students in my endeavors.

I have enclosed a copy of my curriculum vitae and a more detailed statement of my research and teaching interests. I have included three reprints as well as sample teaching evaluations. Letters of recommendation have been requested from Drs. Michael Bardo, William Falls, Bruce Kapp, and Mark Prendergast. I hope that my background and interests suit your needs, and I would be happy to provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Mary Eileen Cain, Ph.D.