

Cover Letter/LOI Handout

Introduction

Checklist	Your Paragraph (Write Your Version Here!)
 Address hiring manager/program director. Mention your academic training. Mention how you learned of the position and any relevant contacts. State why you are interested in the position and any relevant professional goals. Introduce 2-4 superpowers. 	 Introduce Yourself Why Them Why You

Body Paragraph #1

Checklist	Your Paragraph
 Include a topic sentence that mentions your first superpower. Include a meaty anecdote that provides evidence of that superpower. Describe what you liked, what you learned, and what you can contribute as a result of that experience. 	 Topic Sentence Example Reflection

Body Paragraph #2

Checklist	Your Paragraph
 Include a topic sentence that mentions your second superpower. Include a meaty anecdote that provides evidence of that superpower. Describe what you liked, what you learned, and what you can contribute as a result of that experience. 	 Topic Sentence Example Reflection

Body Paragraph #3

Checklist	Your Paragraph
 Include a topic sentence that mentions your third superpower. Include a meaty anecdote that provides evidence of that superpower. Describe what you liked, what you learned, and what you can contribute as a result of that experience. 	Topic SentenceExampleReflection

Conclusion

Checklist	Your Paragraph
 Summarize your three main superpowers. Reaffirm interest in the program and how you can contribute. Express enthusiasm and signal interest in next steps. 	Why YouWhy ThemWhat Now