

March 1, 1950.

Miss Phyllis Fried,  
96 Avenue C,  
New York 9, N.Y.

Dear Miss Fried:

I am pleased to be able to write you that you have been recommended for a half-time research assistantship in this department for 1950-51, commencing about September 1950. It would be possible to arrange for a calendar year appointment, beginning in July, but unless there is some special reason for this course, it will be inadvisable, as I will not be on campus this summer.

Barring an unforeseen shortage of funds, I have little doubt that this recommendation will be adopted, but I am, unfortunately, not yet able to give you a formal notification of the award. However, the outcome is sufficiently clear to warrant my asking you whether you will accept this appointment, or have alternative prospects.

The position will pay \$950 for the academic year (\$1150 for the calendar), and also provides remission of the \$300 annual non-resident tuition fee. Residual fees will amount to about \$75 per semester. The stipend is subject to U.S. income tax.

You will be expected, formally, to spend 21 hours per week in the laboratory. At first, this would be largely as a technical assistant on some phase of the current research program. This will give you an opportunity to learn our techniques and procedures. However, you will be given full opportunity to formulate your own research project, which will constitute your thesis, and you will be relieved of your duties as a technical assistant as you develop your own program. You will be able to carry a full graduate program leading to advanced degrees.

I would appreciate a reasonably prompt reply with your decision.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Assistant Professor of Genetics