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Professor Joshua Lederberg
Department of Genetics
Stanford University School of Medicine
Palo Alto, California

Dear Professor Lederberg,

I am interested in doing graduate work in molecular biology and genetics toward the PhD degree. Dr. Sol Spiegelman, who is acquainted with my qualifications and ability, suggested that I write to you, and to Professor Kornberg, to whom I am sending a similar letter.

I would like to know more about your program for graduate study and research, and about the availability of traineeships or fellowships. I would like also to know if I am correct in assuming that Medical College Admission Tests are not required of candidates for degrees other than MD. Could you please have application forms for admission and financial aid sent to me?

My particular interest lies in the study of the genetic control of cell function, but I recognize the importance of obtaining a background in a variety of areas of modern biological research, such as I believe Stanford could provide.

I am an honors major in Biochemical Sciences and have maintained a better than B average in my courses at Harvard. The largest number of my major courses have been in chemistry and I have taken more mathematics than is usual. I am working on a senior honors thesis dealing with the lysogenic conversion of *Corynebacterium diptheriae*, with Professor A. M. Pappenheimer.

If you feel that my interests and preparation are appropriate, I would like very much to work under either you or Professor Kornberg. If this is not possible, I would welcome your suggestions.

Very truly yours,
W. Ford Doolittle
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