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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Subject: Prospective PhD Student – Exploring Supervision

Dear Dr. (Last Name),

I am Thomas Radcliffe. I intend to apply for a PhD in Economics to take up a position in the autumn of 2026. The research idea is still outside the field of spatial inequality and regional economy of post-industrial England, in which I have given focus in terms of the persistence of productivity gaps and the efficiency of place-based policies.

I am very interested in [specific paper/topic], and the way you build it on your combining [specific method or theory] is very much to my interest. I would like to discuss the way my research could be within the framework of your supervising capacity, and I would like to hear any comments about my application to [University Name].

I am attaching my CV copy and the following short summary of the proposal. Thank you for considering my inquiry, and I shall look forward to replying.

Best regards,

Thomas Radcliffe