

November xx, 2011

Professor. First, middle, last name
400 W. 1st St.
University of xxx
xxx, CA 95929-0430

Dear (last name),

I was very pleased to see your advertisement in the October JOE. I am writing to apply for the assistant professor position at the University of xxx. I believe that the University of xxx would provide an excellent environment in which to pursue my research and teaching interests. I hope that my interests and qualifications fit the requirement of the position.

I am a Ph.D. candidate in economics at the University of California, Irvine. I am currently completing my dissertation, "Three Essays in Urban Economics," under the guidance of Professor Brueckner. My research areas are urban economics, transportation and environmental economics, and housing finance.

My first research agenda is the interaction between land-use pattern and transportation, related to the phenomenon of urban sprawl and its environmental consequences. My first dissertation chapter, coauthored with Professor Brownstone at UC Irvine, estimates the extent to which residential density influences household vehicle usage and fuel consumption. My job market paper, "Endogenous Vehicle-Type Choices in a Monocentric City," presents a new urban model, in which commuting cost per mile is jointly endogenous with the choices of residential location and land consumption. I am also interested in institutional aspects of international housing and rental markets. My third dissertation chapter explores the Korean unique kind of rental contract, called *chonsei*.

In addition to dissertation, I had chances to work as a research assistant at UC Irvine for two research projects, which are related to environmental issues. Through these research experiences, not only I sharpened my research skills, but also my research interests in environmental issues were strengthened.

I especially would like to teach urban economics both at the graduate and at the undergraduate levels. In addition, I would like to teach other broad applied microeconomics courses, such as transportation economics, public economics, and industrial organization, at the undergraduate level.

In support of my application, I have enclosed my Curriculum Vitae, three research papers, a teaching philosophy, and teaching evaluations. Three letters of recommendation will arrive shortly from the Economics Department Office.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you. I will be attending the ASSA meetings in Chicago in January, 2012. I can be reached at 949-xxx-xxxx, or at jinwonk@uci.edu.

Sincerely,

Name