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Dear professor Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi,

I am writing to apply for the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies for 2022-2023. I became exceedingly eager to apply for this position when I realized that you give preference to candidates who are revising and completing their dissertation for publication; At this point, I am precisely at this stage of my career.

I received my Ph.D. from McGill University's Institute of Islamic Studies, last year, after defending my thesis entitled *Rashīd Waṭwāṭ's Innovations in Arabic and Persian Rhetoric in Ḥadā'iq al-Sihr*. I also obtained a Ph.D. in Persian Literature from the University of Tehran in 2014, for which my dissertation was titled *An Analysis of Conceptual Metaphors in the Kamsa (the Quintet), by Nizāmī Ganjawi*.

I have extensive educational and research background in the field of medieval Persian language and literature, rhetoric, and literary criticism. As the title of my most recent dissertation suggests, my research focuses on analyzing how Rashīd al-Dīn Waṭwāṭ of Balkh (d. ca. 1177 or 1182) approaches rhetoric in his bilingual treatise entitled *Ḥadā'iq al-Sihr fī Daqā'iq al-Shi'r* (Gardens of Magic in Minutiae of Poetry). I have been passionate about reviewing this doctoral thesis and publishing it in the form of a book. For this purpose, I have prepared a coherent research project, the details of which are in the synopsis of my monograph.

I have attached to this letter my Curriculum Vitae and the synopsis of my monograph and research interests. In addition, two of my professors at McGill, Dr. Kashavmurthy and Dr. Manoukian, who have worked with me since the beginning of my studies at this university and were on my dissertation committee, will be sending their references to you.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

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