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## Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies for the 2024-2025 academic year, as advertised. With a Ph.D. in the history of Iran and a strong background in academic research, I believe I am the ideal candidate for this position. My academic journey, which culminated in a Ph.D. from Imam Khomeini International University, has equipped me with a deep understanding of Iranian history, particularly in the contemporary and Islamic periods. My dissertation, supervised by esteemed scholars in the field, delved into the performance of the Iranian Women's Organization, showcasing my expertise in social and gender history—a focus area that aligns closely with the objectives of the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute.

I am passionate about this position because it offers a unique opportunity to further develop my research and contribute to the vibrant scholarly community at the University of Toronto. The prospect of revising my dissertation for publication resonates with my commitment to advancing knowledge in Iranian studies. Moreover, being in residence at the Institute will provide me with invaluable resources and intellectual support to refine my monograph and pursue new avenues of research.

My dedication to Iranian studies extends beyond academia. As a support manager at DPNA Company in Yazd, I gained practical experience in project management and teamwork, skills that are essential for collaborative research environments. Furthermore, my participation in academic conferences and workshops demonstrates my commitment to continuous learning and engagement with scholarly communities.

Enclosed, please find my CV, a synopsis of my monograph, and details of my research interests. I have also arranged for two letters of recommendation to be sent separately.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to contribute to the scholarly endeavors of the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute and look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how my background and research interests align with the goals of the fellowship.

Sincerely, Fahime Hassanpour