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Application for the Persian Language
Lecturer Position in Elahe Omidyar-
Djalali Scholar Award

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Dear Colleagues:

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This is a letter of application for the Lecturer Position in the Elahe Omidyar-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies, Languages, and Cultures at Toronto University. I am very excited that the opportunity has arisen to enable me to explore and teach the interpretation of literary and cultural texts from new perspectives and methodologies. As a fresh Ph.D., and experienced Persian language and literature lecturer it will be an honor for me to become an academic member of the Department of Iranian Studies and teach and work as a lecturer at the University of Toronto, a premier academic institution of international renown. If I am given the distinct opportunity to join the University of Toronto as a junior member, I will make every effort to use my knowledge and prior teaching experience to offer Persian language courses and research on applied analysis, literature, and culture. In addition, I am able to offer introductory courses in the history and culture of the Middle East and Central Asia. To me, teaching is also a constant learning experience: I can learn so much from my senior colleagues and mentors at the Near Eastern Languages and Cultures department.

I have been thinking for a long time about how to use my literary and linguistic knowledge in an academic area of high ranking as the University of Toronto. This position is a unique opportunity by which I can make meaningful sharing of ideas in such fields of humanities. As I was studying for my Ph.D. at Allameh Tabataba'i University, I was informally attending the AZFA (Learning of Persian Language for Non-Native Speakers) classes, and from 2017 to 2019 I have worked as a writer and editor of Persian and Pashto language School textbooks with USAID organization for Ministry of Education in Afghanistan, so I have a better experience of how to teach Persian language for non-native speakers.

I have experience teaching Persian Language and literature from 2009 to OCT 2021 at Ghazni and Al-Beroni Universities and have been teaching Persian language and Iran contemporary History at Penn State University since 03/03/2022. I have taught many courses, mostly literary theories, and linguistic courses like semiotics and narratology. Here is the link to the Narratology course that was available at this time: <https://t.me/c/1392881810/16728>

I am very enthusiastic about the prospect of joining the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA. I genuinely think that such an opportunity will open up for me new horizons of knowledge, experience, and understanding, essential elements in becoming a successful teacher, scholar, and researcher. I would be more than happy to further explain my scholarly pursuits and teaching methods to colleagues at the University of Toronto. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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