

Dear Research Faculty,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Violet Wayman, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Biological Safety Specialist at the University of Texas at Arlington. It is with great enthusiasm that I join the esteemed team here. I am eager to contribute to the vital work being done at UTA.

Allow me to provide a brief overview of my background and experiences. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biology as well as a Master of Science in Biology, both earned from Texas Woman's University. Throughout my academic journey, I have had the opportunity to perform research in molecular biology investigating the role of Heat Shock Factor 1 in the polymerase switch in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and to study the roles of ribosomal anomalies in human disease.

For the past 4.5 years, I have had the privilege of working in microbiology teaching lab prep at Texas Woman's University and managing microbiology prep at Tarrant County College. In these roles, I gained invaluable insights into laboratory safety protocols and procedures, particularly in BSL-2 environments. My familiarity with safety regulations and guidelines equips me to ensure a secure and compliant working environment for all researchers and staff at UTA. These experiences have not only sharpened my scientific acumen but have also deepened my passion for microbiology, which I am eager to bring to my role as UTA's Biosafety Specialist.

While I aspire to further my education in microbiology in the future, I am wholeheartedly committed to leveraging my expertise and experiences to support the important research initiatives at UTA. I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside each of you and contribute to the university's mission of scientific excellence and innovation.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in the coming days.

Warm regards,

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