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To the Faculty Search Committee ,

My name is Tim Harvey, and I am writing to apply for the position of Assistant Professor.

I graduated with my PhD in May of 2003 from Rice University, where I have been employed since 1991, working for Ken Kennedy and Keith Cooper. I came to Rice as a programmer after three years of working in industry, and it was here that I discovered a penchant for doing my own research. This led to my acceptance as a part-time graduate student, and it was while fulfilling my teaching requirements that I realized how much I enjoyed teaching, as well.

As one can see from my publications, my interests fall within the broad category of building and analyzing compilers. I believe that such work offers an unlimited range of research opportunities, as well as an excellent platform on which to teach a wide variety of skills and theory.

Clearly, my experiences have positioned me to teach both an undergraduate and a graduate-level compiler class. I am also eager to teach beginning programming, as I have greatly enjoyed my experiences in helping to teach our introductory class here at Rice. I have direct experience in planning and executing reading/seminar classes as well, and I believe that this type of class is critical for the development of graduate students and even the faculty themselves. I'm certain that we can design similar classes for senior-level undergraduates as well, to give a capstone to their education and encourage as many as possible to continue their studies in a graduate program.

Enclosed, please find a copy of my curriculum vitae, which includes a list of my publications and four references, a statement of research interests, and a statement further explaining my teaching philosophy. My website, www.cs.rice.edu/~harv, includes links to all of our publications. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Harvey

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