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Dear Dr. Ochoa,

It is with great eagerness that I send you this application for the Beth Israel Medical Center internship program in Clinical Psychology for the 2005-2006 year. Enclosed, please find my APPIC generic application form (three copies), my curriculum vitae (three copies), official copies of my graduate school transcripts (three copies), the APPIC Academic Program's Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness letter from my Director of Clinical Training (three copies), and the three letters of recommendation (the fourth one is optional) requested by your program (three copies).

I am currently a graduate student in the clinical department of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) at Rutgers University. I believe that the clinical experience I have gathered so far will provide me the necessary foundation for your outpatient and inpatient rotations. My application is, in part, prompted by your emphasis on the scientist-practitioner model, by the wealth of didactic opportunities your internship provides and by the learning that results from the multi-disciplinary team work required by your rotations.

I am also appreciative of your interest in increasing your interns' clinical training in terms of cultural competence. An interest in learning from diverse populations stems from both my personal and professional experiences. I am Brazilian, married to a Japanese citizen, and the parent of two American children. I am therefore attracted to challenges and difference. The opportunity to serve a wide range of cultural and ethnic populations at New York Beth Israel Medical Center qualifies as an optimal internship community. Furthermore, my work with clinical supervisors from different backgrounds has been a critical part of my professional development, and I would value the diversity of supervisory experiences your program offers.

Areas of special interest include furthering my training in the areas of psychological test administration and interpretation while obtaining new training experiences, such as your Multicultural Family Therapy Training Program and the development of neurological assessment skills. I am particularly attracted to your Neuropsychology Training Program and to your HIV Mental Health Program as elective choices.

In closing, I feel the comprehensive and rigorous experience offered by the New York Beth Israel Medical Center provides an excellent fit with my training goals. I am excited about your program, and I hope to be given a personal interview as part of the evaluative process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at home at (973) or email me at.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,