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Ms. Molly M. Tracy  
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Dear Ms. Tracy,

I'm currently enrolled in the PhD program in Computer Science at the University of Milan, Italy. While in Milan I worked as teaching assistant and research assistant, met most of my degree requirements, and published technical papers describing my research on memory corruption vulnerabilities in control system code. I also spent some time working as an ethical hacking consultant in the information security industry.

Since May 2007 I've been a research scholar at the Computer Science Department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I'm working with Prof. Roy H. Campbell on intrusion detection for digital control systems in nuclear power plants. We have had a series of good results and are publishing a long sequence of technical papers in peer reviewed conferences. I'm currently near the end of my PhD studies, and the research I'm actually carrying out at the University of Illinois will also build my PhD dissertation.

I had learned about the I3P/DHS research fellowships for post-doctoral researchers, junior faculty and research scientists, from the *Announcements* section of the Information Trust Institute web site. I decided to apply as I think that this fellowship is an excellent opportunity for continuing my academic career, and I believe that due to my academic record and research experience I would make a good candidate. Should I be granted an I3P/DHS fellowship, I would be available to commence my research in January 2009 if possible.

I hold an Albanian citizenship, and my U.S. immigration status is a J1, i.e. exchange visitor. Thank you for your time and interest. I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Julian L. Rrushi

