Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the [Richardson lab](https://www.richardsonlab-umass.com/). Fill out as many of these questions as you can in as much detail as you can, save the file with your name in the title, and email it to Graduate Student Annabelle Flores-Bonilla (afloresbonil@umass.edu) and cc Dr. Heather Richardson (hrichardson@cns.umass.edu). ***In the email you should include******(1)*** *this application,* ***(2)*** *a CV or resume (including 2-3 names for references), and* ***(3)*** *unofficial transcripts.* Please note that positions in our lab depend on several factors including research project needs, project mentor availability, alignment of schedules, etc., which will vary from semester to semester.

**Basic Information**

1. Date:
2. Name:
3. Pronouns:
4. Degree (if not completed, then anticipated):
5. Degree date (if not completed, then anticipated):
6. Date of first availability to work in the lab:
7. Hours/week you are available to work in the laboratory:
	1. Can you reliably commit to 2-3 hours per day each day?
	2. If necessary, are you able to put in extra work to complete a project (for example, working weekends or evenings)?

**Interests and motivation**

1. Why do you want to participate in research?
2. What topics in neuroscience interest you in particular and why?
3. How did you hear about the Richardson laboratory?
4. After reading some of our papers, what do you see as the most compelling part of our research? What questions remain unanswered?
5. Looking into the future by 5-10 years, where would you like to see yourself career-wise? What would you be doing and in what setting? What degree/s would you ideally have obtained? How do you see opportunities in the Richardson lab helping you achieve those goals?
6. If there is any additional information that you would like to have considered, please include it below: