Dear Esteemed Colleague,

My name is George Whitehead and I am currently serving as the Head Instructor at Gyeonggi-do Institute for Foreign Language Education. I am writing to express my interest in a position at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Below, I outline some of my professional skills that I believe will contribute to the continued development of your reading, writing and speaking programs.

For the past 5 years I have been responsible for training and observing over 2000 in-service English teachers in Gyeonggi-do. This experience has provided me with a privileged understanding of English education in Korea and insights into everyday obstacles that language teachers and students face. With this knowledge and awareness of the public and private language teaching sectors, I am able to implement high-leverage teaching practices that target not only surface, but also the underlying needs of my learners. During my time as a teacher-trainer, I have consistently received the highest feedback from trainees, which is a testament to my capabilities.

Although classroom instruction is a core part of my professional identity, I believe that research is also an integral part of my professional growth and development. My research to-date has used a variety of research methods and data elicitation procedures (e.g., case-study, observation, questionnaires, in-depth interviews) to investigate topics including:

* Current obstacles of English language education
* English teacher talk
* Effective use of L1 in the FL classroom
* Effective methods in classroom practice,
* Resistance to change in teacher education.

My most recent research has focused on the washback effects of high-stakes testing on in-service secondary teachers, a topic that I hope to investigate further in the future, with additional stakeholder groups.

With my international experience as a language instructor and teacher trainer, combined with my research background, I am confident that I possess the skills to positively contribute to the reading, writing and speaking courses at your school.

I thank you in advance for considering my application and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

George Elliott Koichi Whitehead