## **Email inquiry**

Subject Line: Inquiry-Graduate Research in your group

Greetings Dr. Myrold,

I hope I am finding you well. My name is xxxxxxx, and I am currently a senior at Bridgewater State University studying Biological and Chemical sciences. I will be applying to PhD programs for the Fall 2021 semester, and Zoe Cardon from the MBL gave me your name.

From your Oregon State webpage, I can see you are particularly interested in nitrogen cycling and relationship between soil health and the microbial community present. These topics are very interesting to me. I have worked in the animal agriculture industry, and I am interested in how the current practices are impacting the health of neighboring soil systems.

At Bridgewater, I have been active in undergraduate research studying the invasion biology of the Asian Shore Crab, and I spent several weeks as an intern with Zoe and Elena Lopez Peredo this summer, learning bioinformatic techniques for analyzing microbial community data from salt marsh sediments.

Will you be accepting graduate students for the Fall 2021 semester?

I have attached a resume for your convenience.

Thank you for your time,

Your name Address Email phone