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Dear Committee members of the Korea Institute:

I am applying for the [Name of the Program] available from your institute, as posted on your web site. As a recent Ph. D. graduate in Korean Modern Literature from Ewha Women's University, an award-winning Korean literary critic in a literary contest held by Chosunilbo, and a Korean Language lecturer of Ewha Women's University, I am an excellent fit for Harvard's Korea Institute.

As my enclosed curriculum vitae indicates, I have applied East-Asian modern literature in two ways. On the one hand, I have brought the unique features of East Asian literary space out into the open: via a series of academic articles investigating the microscopic points of the modern and contemporary Korean literary space from the perspective of world literature. My doctoral dissertation examined the macroscopic sweep of early modern Korean literary space. On the other hand, I have tried to make the literature of the same age popular. I started as a critic of 21st century Korean literature; however, I am writing about Japanese fiction as well nowadays. As I have dealt with both past and present literature, I have secured a clear view of East Asian literary contexts. I communicate that view to my students, who have acquired new perspectives through my lectures.

From the days of my academic degree course, publications from the Harvard Korea Institute and Asian studies community have inspired my research and literary works. I was impressed by Professor XXXX dissertation, [...] In addition, the literary journal Azalea has broadened my perspectives about Korean literature as world literature. Now, I hope that my native Korean Korea study can give a stimulus to your institute.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone XXXX or via email XXXX. Thank you very much for your time and kind consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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