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## **Cover Letter**

### **Position: tenure track researcher**

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Dear Search Committee Members,

I am writing to apply for the tenure track researcher position within the project “REFRESH - Research Excellence For REgion Sustainability and High-tech Industries” that was advertised on the site of University of Ostrava. I am very grateful to my Czech colleagues prof. Bohdana Richterova, Head of the Department of Social Pedagogy, and prof. Štefan Chudý, Head of the Department of Special Education, for informing me about this project. As you will find in your review of my curriculum vitae, my education and my experience of scientific work in the most industrial region of Ukraine uniquely fit the position’s qualifications.

Your position announcement states that you seek a scholar who has expertise in industrial and post-industrial social problems for the population such as lower healthy life expectancy due to poor environmental conditions, unemployment and lower quality of life due to the reduction of industrial enterprises and other socio-economical challenges. My work is interdisciplinary and intersects with many of these areas. My fields of research are social inclusion of disabled people, notably with industrial injuries, and social and pedagogical work with families in difficult life circumstances. I would really like to use my experience of working with such categories of vulnerable people in developing strategies in the sphere of education taking into account new socio-economic conditions; for working with families affected by the crises of post-industrial society; for overcoming barriers to social and socio-cultural inclusion.

I am a holder of the equivalent of a Ph.D. (see file “PhD in Czech” for more details), independently solves complex scientific research tasks in the social pedagogy field, and I actively publish. As for my publications, there are 45 publications, among them are 3 articles in WOS. Some of them one may see on the ORCID site (see CV for more details). Also I participated in the MultiEd - International Joint Project, Erasmus+ KA2, and information on involvement in this applied research project is added in my CV and attached certificates.

I enclose my CV alongside completion certificates of the advanced training courses and internships. I look forward to the opportunity of a formal interview - I would like to share my ideas about how I can benefit the team in this project. If additional materials or supporting documents are needed, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [mariglsp@gmail.com](mailto:mariglsp@gmail.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

Faithfully yours,

Mariya Gladysh, PhD

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mariya Gladysh', is positioned to the right of the typed name.