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Dear Hiring Manager,

Presently I am a student at Sheridan College studying Software Development and Network Engineering. The thought of doing a co-op with IBM invigorates me, because it would give me the opportunity to learn technologies relevant to my field of study while contributing to a great company in meaningful ways.

My passion is to learn and my goal is to improve on a professional and personal level. Participating in hackathons and game jams is one of many ways I stimulate my growth. Learning new technologies from scratch, while working with a group of people to solve a real problem is how I boost my knowledge and broaden my horizons. I research for any up-and-coming technology that could increase efficiency or assist with completing a project. After I have found applicable information, I independently educate myself on the theory and apply the concepts learned in practice.

Looking at my past experience with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, I have been tasked with upgrading applications and transitioning old databases to new, robust, and future-proof models. Given the problem I would analyze it, come up with a strategy, and then execute it while prioritizing tasks in order to ensure project completion in addition to balancing a full course load. Through this employment, I am familiar with working in an environment that limits my use of the most recent technology due to security, accessibility, or monetary reasons. The project assigned to me throughout my stay with the Ministry was essential to improve the workflow of the Natural Heritage Information Centre department.

At Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, I developed and maintained ASP.NET applications using VB.NET and JavaScript for the dosimetry department which automated data processing tasks, performed calculations, and visualized data. Without prior knowledge of VB.NET, I had to learn the language independently in a short period of time, therefore it was not long before I was able to start contributing to the code base. As a result, I was able to become an effective member of the team and contributed towards project completion through my dedication and hard work.

I believe that working with IBM will enable me to flourish, because it is a great fit for me and that my ability to stay driven and independently learn new things will enable me to contribute to the company in meaningful ways.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you to further discuss my qualifications.

Sincerely,



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