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Dear Recruiting Representative,

Thanks for taking the time to review my application/resume. I recently graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. During those four years I actively pursued classes outside the standard Chemical Engineering curriculum. These classes included topics like Computer Programming, Linear Algebra, Statistics, and Finance. Expanding my studies to fields outside engineering has helped me become a well-rounded professional as well as given me opportunities to pursue other career paths like Software Engineering and Computer Science.

During the fall semester of my senior year I picked up a remote internship at a Chicago Fintech. This gave me an early opportunity to experience the COVID19 remote working life that many companies now rely on. Balancing work, school, and life is shown in my grade point average, but I feel that it was a sacrifice I was willing to take to explore hobbies and projects outside of Chemical Engineering standards. Learning from different fields has allowed me to find unique solutions to common engineering problems as well as improve processes that are considered 'good enough'.

Thoughts on COVID19 Situation:

Unfortunately, before the economic impact of COVID19 I turned down a few job opportunities to pursue a career in Software Engineering/Computer Science. The company I currently intern for is unable to hire me due to a current hiring freeze but can keep me on as an intern. Due to this situation I am actively pursuing careers outside of this company. I am honestly not too upset about not having a full-time job right out of college because it has given me extra time to find a career that I am motivated in pursuing.

Thanks for your time,

Conor Phillips