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Dear Putnam Investments:

I am a Master of Finance student at the MIT Sloan School of Management writing to apply for your Quantitative Investment Associate position. Putnam is well known for your expertise and collaborative culture, and I had the chance to find this opportunity from MIT career central. I offer a proven record of skills and characteristics listed below that would allow me to make a positive impact on your team:

* **Quantitative research capacities:** past experiences of conducting multiple quantitative research projects from different perspectives (hedge fund, asset managers, sell-side research) build up my strong quant research insight and capacities. I am able to research and construct investible signals in a fast-paced, robust, and comprehensive way; I am also aware of the value of asking the right question, and I enjoy sharpening ideas with endeavor and enthusiasm.
* **Coding and programming proficiency:** Proficient in Python and C++ (and other software/languages like SQL/Excel/MATLAB/R), I can efficiently quantify financial problems and express in a coding environment. I am experienced in handling large datasets with scientific packages, coding up object-oriented programs tools to manage big project, and applying machine learning models to build investment strategies.
* **Teamwork spirit:** I appreciate the power of teamwork in the workplace. From collaborating with co-workers, managers, clients, and vendors on multiple internship positions, I feel comfortable with professional communications. I believe positive interactions add value toward both personal and collective achievement.

I am confident that I would be a good fit for your team because I could combine my quantitative, analytical and interpersonal skills with passion for quantitative investment. I would humbly appreciate an interview to further discuss my passion and qualifications. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Songhao Li