

# Job Description: AI Application Engineer



## Role Summary

Smartlab is seeking a skilled and motivated AI Application Engineer to build clinical-grade AI applications in healthcare. You will translate cutting-edge deep learning (including LLMs/VLMs) into robust, user-centric solutions for medical imaging and medical NLP, with a strong focus on algorithm packaging, model performance, high-performance inference, interoperability, and regulatory compliance. You will work closely with our PhD researchers and clinical stakeholders to move models from research to real-world use.

## Key Responsibilities

- **System Testing and Validation:** Design and execute comprehensive testing plans to ensure the reliability, scalability, and robustness of AI-driven systems.
- **Integration & Downstream Adaptation:** Collaborate with researchers and clinicians to fine-tune and adapt models for medical imaging/NLP, integrating them into backend services or user-friendly GUI applications.
- **Full-Stack Delivery:** Develop and maintain front-end (React/Vue/Svelte), backend/API (FastAPI/Flask), and deployment infrastructure (Docker, Kubernetes) for clinical workflows.
- **High-Performance Deployment:** Optimize model serving pipelines (e.g., TensorRT, vLLM, Hugging Face TGI) for low-latency, scalable inference in resource-limited circumstances.

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## Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, or a related technical field.
- Strong programming skills in Python and experience with common AI/ML libraries (e.g., PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face).
- Practical knowledge of GPU/accelerator optimization (e.g., TensorRT, Triton, ONNX Runtime EPs) and model export/optimization (e.g., ONNX).

- Full-stack development experience: user-centric UI/UX front-end (e.g., React, Vue, or Svelte), back-end/API (e.g., FastAPI or Flask), and containerization/deployment with Docker.
- Proven experience taking deep learning models from research to production environments.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Advanced skills in high-performance serving (e.g., vLLM, TensorRT-LLM, Hugging Face TGI) and orchestration frameworks (e.g., KServe, Ray Serve, NVIDIA Triton).
- Familiarity with Large Language Models (LLMs) and Vision-Language Models (VLMs).
- Knowledge of encryption and secure model handling practices, especially for healthcare data.
- Experience maintaining production AI applications on cloud platforms (e.g., AWS, GCP, Azure) or Kubernetes clusters.
- Prior work in research-oriented or healthcare settings, with interest in solving complex clinical problems.

## How to Apply

Interested candidates are welcome to send their resumes, transcripts and other relevant materials to Prof. Chen's email: **jhc(at)ust.hk**. *Please indicate the application position in the subject of email.*