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Mr. Alex Buk
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Dear Mr. Buk,

I am writing this to show my strong interest to the job position "Instructor of Kids' Computer Programs" at Kid's Great Minds advertised on the University of Toronto Scarborough Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network. As a first-year student specializing Computer and Mathematical Science program at UTSC, Kid's Great Mind's dedication to stimulate children's creativity and interest by giving lessons of computer technologies, and your insistence in providing safe and positive learning environment appeal to me enormously. I am confident that my strong computer programming skills, experiences in service-learning to help children in rural schools, and proven skills of planning computer programming courses as a website designing group leader at the computer science club, will make me an excellent instructor of kid's computer program.

Focusing on computer programming skills, I have learned C++ to solve algorithm programming problems, along with HTML, CSS and JavaScript to establish websites during high school. In the first year of high school, I participated in Student Information Technology Conference (SITCON) and its hackathon camp. Being a group leader, I provided a creative idea as our group project during the four days of the hackathon event, and eventually being the most successful team to accomplish and present the prototype. The experience highlights my ability of computer programming skills, which guarantee my capability of teaching computer programs lessons.

Experiences in service-learning also help me to be more patient when teaching children. Throughout the 3 years in high school, I was in a student based Christian fellowship. We went to elementary schools in rural areas every semester to help children with special needs, and children who relatively have fewer resources compared to those in city. Through the activities that were designed by our team such as playing meaningful games which acquires teamwork, and watching drama about love and empathy, we found out that some children who had been restless and unwilling to participate in the activities, were able to sit down and shared what they had learn throughout the day at the end, and even expressed their gratitude for our patiently teaching and accompanying. This experience has prompted me to change my way of thinking of how to teach children, namely, knowing what they care about and interested in must be prioritized. These skills will surely assist me in the role of children's instructor.

Being experienced in teaching children, and studying in the field of computer science, I am sure that I can work competently in the role of Instructor of Kids' Computer Programs at Kid's Great Minds. Thank your for considering my application, and I look forward to further discussion in the interview.

Sincerely,

Han-Shin Chen