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Dear Arsen Tomsky,

I am excited to apply for the software engineering internship at inDrive for the upcoming summer. As a dedicated and detail-oriented software engineering student at TOBB ETU, I am eager to contribute my technical skills and passion for innovation to your esteemed organization.

Let me start by introducing myself. My mother is from Kazakhstan and my father is from Yakutia and I was born in Moscow on August 4, 2003, and soon after I was born, we moved to Yakuts/Yakutia with my family we lived there until 2015 where I laid the foundation for my future in swimming and robotics. The decision to relocate to Antalya, Turkey in 2015 presented me the challenge of learning the Turkish language. Despite the initial language barrier, I quickly adapted and became fluent within approximately four months. This proficiency enabled me to excel in both my academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

Through active participation in extracurricular activities such as robotics and swimming in middle school, I earned a 50% scholarship at Private Bahçeşehir High School. Notably, I played an important role in establishing the robotics club, which led to remarkable achievements including our outstanding performance and securing a first-place victory in the Turkish Nationals for Vex Robotics. Our team's exceptional success earned us a coveted spot in the FRC (First Robotics Competition) in the USA, although the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic posed unforeseen circumstances that prevented our attendance. Furthermore, I had won the opportunity to broaden my global perspective and enhance my cultural awareness through a 12-day free exchange program in Berlin, Germany, where I lived with a family in Potsdam.

In 2020, I faced a temporary setback in my swimming career due to a shoulder injury, prompting me to dedicate more time to robotics and programming. Despite medical advice against resuming swimming, I resumed training after one year. In 2022, I achieved a significant milestone, winning bronze medal in the 50m freestyle category at the Swimming Summer Nationals among swimmers aged 18-19.

During my 11th-grade year, my typical day looked like waking up at 5:25 am and biking to my school for independent swimming training, as our school lacked proficient swimming coaches. From 6 am to 8 am, I had swimming sessions. Following this, my academic lessons occupied my time until 4:30 pm. After I had robotics work from 5 pm to 9 pm. After I commuted back home, where I would have dinner and go to bed by 10 pm. This

routine enabled me to effectively manage my schedule, comprising swimming, academics, and robotics. Additionally, during this time, I started researching into opportunities for studying abroad.

In my final year of high school, my focus shifted towards preparing for studying abroad. I dedicated significant effort to preparing for the SAT and IELTS exams. Thanks to my academic background, self-taught programming proficiency, robotics skills, and swimming achievements, I received pre-acceptance offers from institutions such as Tufts and Carnegie Mellon Universities. Unfortunately, because of the complex circumstances arising from the Russian-Ukraine war, my pre-acceptances were rescinded, prompting me to shift my focus towards applying to Turkish universities.

Currently I am studying in one of the top Computer Engineering programs at TOBB ETU in Ankara/Turkey, I have taken a lot of classes like Calculus, Physics, Discrete Math, Combinatorics, Linear Algebra, Data Structures and learned programming languages such as Java, JavaScript, Shell, Verilog, Python, and C. My practical experience includes developing a variety of projects such as web apps, mobile apps, and games. You can explore my portfolio of projects on my website at <https://archyn.com.tr> or my GitHub page at <https://github.com/ISmillex>.

Our school has different educational system enabling us to have 1 year of internship and four-year bachelor's degree program, all completed within a total of four years. This structure is possible because our academic year consist of three semesters not two in contrast to other universities, we still finishing one academic year in two semesters, the additional semester is dedicated to internship, as a result of this system, I am currently approaching 3rd grade but physically I studied only 1.5 year, this educational is system allows us to have one full year of experience by finishing our degree. However, it is important to note that one major side effects of this that it is incredibly dense and intense especially in Engineering faculty.

For this summer, I have met the requirements for applying to internships abroad through the Erasmus+ program, facilitating seamless opportunities for students to engage in internships across Europe. With a three-month internship duration ahead, I am prepared to fully dedicate myself to the experience. Additionally, having previously acquired visas for both the USA and Europe, obtaining new visas will be a smoother process due to my prior visas

I am excited about inDrive's dedication to pushing technological boundaries, as it aligns with my own passion for using technology to create meaningful solutions.

I have enclosed my resume for your review <https://archyn.com.tr/CV.pdf>, which highlights my academic achievements and experiences. I look forward to discussing how my skills can contribute to inDrive.

Thank you for considering my application. Please feel free to reach me at +90 537 593 8728 or archynlegenety@gmail.com for any additional information you may require.

I am enthusiastic about to have internship at inDrive.

Sincerely,

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