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Dear Hiring Manager, University Recruiter, Netflix,

I used to be under the delusion that the entry-level technology internship positions at all the big firms are supposed to be on the same level having minimal to no impact. However, after reading the "What could you learn" section in this job description, something about Netflix felt different.

What struck me the most was that Netflix isn't expecting new graduates to have industry-level experience but only look for real innate passion. The philosophy of "People over the Process" while maintaining structure and flexibility is one I can stand behind. It enables individuals like me to impact the trajectory of the entire company while keeping the needs of the team and company first.

Interning the past 2 summers, I have worked from creating smooth, modern UI/UX models on Figma, handling structured relational databases, to writing an in-depth research paper about my work on the prediction of vaccine acceptance rate based on past pandemic data at leadingIndia.ai.

Apart from mentoring newer interns and getting them comfortable with the existing code base, I have also co-pitched Makos Infotech's online campus placement portal "Jobaskit" to a university, hoping to secure funding.

Further, during my Masters in CS at UCSD, as part of the Recommendation Systems course, I got familiar with the theory behind collaborative filtering and latent factor models concerning recommending and predicting user behaviours. I implemented this knowledge in the final thesis report of the course by analysing reviews of users and how likely they were trying to recommend a product.

Thank you for considering and taking the time out of your day. My previous internship experience and affinity for Machine Learning techniques will make me an asset to the ML research team. I would love to explore and tinker with reinforcement learning to enhance recommendations for the users. I will be a perfect fit for the Dream Team at Netflix.

Sincerely,

Jay Jhaveri