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Dear New Graph Environment Ltd. team,

I am writing for my interest in the Junior Biologist position.

I am a recent graduate from Mount Royal University with a BSc in Biology with a 3.3GPA, May 2022. I am excited to see this opportunity posted, as it matches my aspirations of working in the field and performing environmental data analysis and reporting. I am currently seeking employment opportunities involving conservation, wildlife management, and field work to further my experience in these aspects. My goal is to apply my education in a meaningful way that makes a difference in marine conservation and environmental work/research. This job would assist me in my ambitions of attending graduate school for marine biology in the future by being in the field and assisting in environmental research. I have a passion for animals, the outdoors and environmental research.

I am especially enthused to see the value in incorporation traditional knowledge/language into modern resource management. I have worked one on one with the biology department chair of MRU focusing on a research project that looked at incorporating Indigenous methods of conservation into modern marine management and wrote a paper on this subject which I would be happy to share. My conservation course also began integrating and teaching about the importance of Indigenous knowledge within natural resource management. I think this is an incredibly important aspect of conservation and for the future of sustainability.

My previous work experience has allowed me to become an excellent people person and quick learner. I have exceptional customer service and communication skills, and the ability to work independently or within teams. I am adaptable to changing work conditions and will do so with enthusiasm. I have ample travel and wilderness experience and a great willingness to learn. I have completed independent projects working one on one with professors, performing exceptionally well, and can apply those skills to this opportunity for report writing, data collection and analysis. I have completed conservation and environmental projects throughout my courses. I have completed Alberta Standard First Aid course and have a valid driver’s license for necessary travel within this position and I am willing to relocate from Calgary. I am also willing to get electrofishing certified as necessary. I am willing to be away from home for long periods of time if necessary and I am enthusiastic to be outdoors under any weather conditions. I have advanced computer skills and use Microsoft Office programs regularly, and I am familiar with R programming. I have junior knowledge in plant identification, and I have participated in a freshwater fish identification course, knowledge which I can provide for this position. I am ready to provide environmental planning support and participate in team coordination in preparing technical documents. I have a strong interest in doing field work and will do so with enthusiasm and initiative. I am aware of the rigorous work that must be done for research and field work, and it is something I feel I am strong at and willing to do.

It would be a pleasure to work alongside the New Graph Environment team, and thank you for your consideration. Please contact me via email or phone number provided to further discuss this position as I believe I am the right fit for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Toni Little