

Chessable
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to apply for the position of Chess Video/Audio Editor and Recording Technician at Chessable.

I'm keen to work with chess and put my practical skills to work, and I feel Chessable would be an excellent fit. I've been fond of chess since I first learned to play as a child, and an active club player for fifteen years. I believe that chess has a bright future ahead; we have seen the online game flourish in lockdown, and subscriptions to online platforms surge. Moreover, online platforms are improving the way we play and learn as chess players. Therein lies my career dream and a growing industry I'd love to be part of.

I already have a solid foundation of skills well-suited to the role. Beside passion for chess and familiarity with online platforms, I am certified in German at level B1.2. I'm also a native English speaker with an excellent grasp of the spoken and written language.

Moreover, I have over twenty years' experience recording audio. I'm familiar with all aspects of recording sound at source (microphone choice/placement, room treatment, bleed elimination) and digital audio processing (equalisation, compression, effects). I've worked in the recording industry (including Beaumont Street Studios, Huddersfield) as producer, sound engineer, and session musician. My attached portfolio contains some of my recordings.

I understand the science of spaced repetition and active recall, and I know firsthand that it works; in Python, I've authored an open-source opening trainer called Chessic that I use to memorise my opening preparation.

I also feel that my academic experience puts me in a positive position. I have an exceptional research record – for example, within two years, I won the best paper award at the flagship conference for a subject area in which I had no prior experience. I think this exemplifies how I am able to turn my energies into excellent results when a challenge is inspiring, and that I am able to get up to speed quickly when something piques my interest. Successful collaboration also trains specific abilities; effective communication on a technical level, creative and critical thinking for problem solving, and learning how to effectively improve oneself. I think these skills offer long-term value to Chessable.

Thanks for considering my application. My CV is attached, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

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