**Introduce Yourself**

**Hi, I’m Micheal Berdinanth M**, currently pursuing my B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering with a specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at SSN College of Engineering.

I’m passionate about AI, full-stack development, and building real-world impactful solutions. I’m among the **top 5 rank holders** in my department, with an overall **CGPA of 9.06**.

Alongside academics, I’ve participated in several hackathons and technical events, and have built and deployed multiple AI-powered projects. One of my key projects is **BG-Vanish**, a full-fledged SaaS platform for AI-based background removal.

I’ve completed internships at **F13 Technologies** as an **AWS Cloud Intern**, and at **NIT Trichy**, where I worked in the domain of **Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL)**.

My technical skills include AI/ML, image processing, deep learning using TensorFlow and Keras, Python, Java, and full-stack development with the **MERN stack**.

Outside of academics, I serve as the **Vice President of the SSN AI Student Chapter**, where I lead AI initiatives and mentor juniors through hands-on workshops.

I’m eager to apply my skills and grow in a challenging environment where I can contribute to impactful projects and continue to evolve as a software engineer.

**Why should we hire you?**

You should hire me because I bring a strong combination of dedication, leadership, and a genuine passion for solving real-world problems.

I’ve consistently been among the top performers academically, and I’ve taken initiative outside the classroom by leading our AI Student Chapter as Vice President, where I organized workshops and mentored my juniors.

Through my internships and projects, I’ve learned how to work well in teams, adapt to new challenges, and stay committed until goals are achieved.

Most importantly, I’m enthusiastic about learning, taking ownership, and growing along with the organization. I believe these qualities make me a good fit for Citi’s collaborative and high-performance culture

**What's your greatest strength?**

One of my greatest strengths is my adaptability and willingness to step out of my comfort zone to learn new things.

Throughout my journey — whether it was taking up internships in different domains like AWS cloud or multi-agent AI research or leading our college’s AI Student Chapter — I’ve often found myself in situations where I had to quickly pick up new skills and deliver.

For instance, while building projects like BG-Vanish and smart vehicle security systems, I worked with tech stacks and concepts that were completely new to me. By being proactive and putting in the effort to learn, I was able to see these projects through successfully.

I genuinely enjoy taking on new challenges and figuring things out, which I believe is a strength that will help me contribute effectively in dynamic environments like Citi.

**What’s your greatest weakness?**

My biggest weakness is that I often try to do too many things at once. I like learning and keeping myself busy. So last year, while I was leading the AI Student Chapter, doing my internship work, and building projects like BG-Vanish, I also joined two online courses at the same time.

This sometimes made me feel rushed or tired. I also noticed small mistakes happened when I wasn’t fully focused.

Over time, I’ve started using simple tools like daily to-do lists and setting reminders. I’ve also learned it’s okay to say ‘no’ or delay less important tasks. Now I plan my week ahead so I can give proper time to each thing and still have time to relax or play football with friends.

**Can you describe a challenging situation you faced at work and how you handled it?**

Sure. One challenging situation I faced was during my research internship at NIT Trichy. I was working on multi-agent reinforcement learning, which was completely new to me. The project had a tight deadline, and I initially struggled to understand the complex math and coordination logic.

Instead of getting stuck, I broke the problem into smaller parts, discussed it openly with my guide and team, and spent extra time studying related papers and experimenting.

By doing this, I not only finished the work on time but also helped improve how our agents communicated, which was a key goal of the project. It taught me how to stay calm under pressure, ask questions without hesitation, and keep learning until I figure things out.”

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

In five years, I see myself as someone who’s grown into a role where I can both lead and actively work on challenging projects.

I really enjoy building things — writing code, solving problems, working on new technologies like AI and cloud. At the same time, I also like mentoring others and helping a team move forward.

So I hope to be in a position where I’m trusted to handle important technical work and guide a teams, making sure we all grow together and contribute to the company’s big goals.

**Why did you leave your last job?**

"I left my last job because I felt that I had outgrown the opportunities it offered. I was seeking new challenges and a role that aligned better with my career goals. I wanted to contribute my skills and expertise to a company where I could make a more significant impact, which is why I'm excited about the opportunity with your organization."

**Tell me about a time you failed and what you learned from it ?**

Sure. When I was building the Mithran App — which is a smart agriculture app with crop disease detection and market data features — I tried adding multiple new features at once.

Because I was excited, I didn’t spend enough time testing each small feature separately. Later, we found some parts broke unexpectedly, and we had to delay the internal demo by a week.

This taught me that even if you’re confident, it’s important to go step by step, test properly, and not rush to show results. Now, whether I’m working on an app or an ML model, I always build and test in smaller parts so I can catch issues early

**How do you handle stress or pressure?**

When I feel stressed or under pressure, the first thing I do is break my work into smaller tasks. That way it feels easier to handle.

For example, during my internships or when building my projects like Intern Tracker, there were times close to deadlines when things got hectic. I made simple to-do lists and focused on finishing one part at a time.

I also like to take short breaks — even just going for a walk or playing a quick game of football with friends helps me clear my mind.

Overall, staying organized and giving myself small breaks really helps me manage stress and come back with fresh ideas.

**Why do you want to work in our company?**

I want to work at Citi because it’s a global leader in banking and also doing a lot with AI and cloud. That matches well with what I’ve been learning and building.

For example, in my internships and projects, I’ve worked on things like multi-agent AI models, cloud deployments with AWS, and building end-to-end platforms. I’d love to apply these skills here to solve real-world problems at scale.

Also, I see Citi as a place where I can keep growing — learning from experienced people, working on complex systems, and eventually taking on more responsibilities. That’s why I feel this is the right place for me.