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To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying for the A100 Program under the recommendation of a good friend and mentor at Yale, Taiwo Togun. We were both in the Computational Biology & Bioinformatics PhD program at Yale. I believe that the A100 program would give me the necessary skills to help me with my ultimate goal of implementing electronic health records in my home country of the Bahamas.

I think that I would be a good candidate for the A100 program because of my extensive experience in Bioinformatics. In college, I took courses in C++ and Perl. I also did research over the summer of 2007 speeding up a computational protein folder at Harvard, and in summer 2011, I developed an automated image analysis algorithm using Image J at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

I became interested in business in general from my experience as a management trainee at Vopak Terminal Bahamas. Here I helped the company to experience the greatest leap (29%) in consecutive terminal audit scores of any Vopak Terminal. This terminal was later sold to the American company Buckeye, within three years of acquisition for two and a half times its purchase price. Since coming to Yale, I’ve become interested in startups by association with entrepreneurs. My former roommate, Taiwo Togun, started SeqHub, and another former roommate, Johannes Adomako-Mensah is working on an idea for a mobile application.

I am now looking to participate in the A100 program to improve my coding skills and ultimately contribute to the startup community.