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### Application Essay

Many software developers coin the term “Perpetual Beta” to a software product that’s improved upon but never published as an official release. In the philosophy of Stoicism, there is an endless cycle of improvement and the embracing of discomfort because it articulates that hardship makes us stronger.

These two views of different fields of knowledge have been the main drivers of my work ethic, given the fact that they embrace whatever the game of life decides against us or in favor of us. As long as I remember, my drive for learning as a whole began with reading a collection of children’s themed encyclopedias with the characters of Peanuts, and from there, a search for further knowledge by pursuing a college degree.

Although, when attending the lectures for the degree, something felt underwhelming. Until the arrival of the historic COVID-19 pandemic, I did not have the proper chance to value my stance in life in that particular moment of history, nevertheless as a strike of luck, the drive to be better and not be bitter became more rooted as the turbulent times moved forward, which molded me into an athletic person ever since I began to train at the gym; a much more critical individual that strengthened his childhood curiosity by reading academic papers and, overall, becoming a better individual who felt proud of himself with a hunger for more.

Now in the seventh semester of my degree, we had a subject named “Research Workshop I” which explained the shortcomings of redacting the theory of a proper academic paper that solidified

this new passion for research that can only be described as sobering. Although we are university students in Mexico, the consensus around these topics is to give the bare minimum at the research, but to me, it made me consider the realms of research as an entire professional career path when it felt that I was experiencing an analysis paralysis of my future outside of undergrad, which was influenced by the fact that the posters promoting the ENLACE 2023 summer program were around campus at the same time.

This experience will be compelling, so applying to the program will be an enticing experience to provide my grain of sand to the search for knowledge, and it'll be a must for amplifying my professional abilities as a prospect of Computer Systems Engineering, given the world-renowned rigor that is one of the landmarks of American Academia. Personally, the research developing inside the Jacobs School of Engineering is a proper consideration for this matter, and to be more specific, the realms of the Center for Engineered Natural Intelligence, given that it has a default multidisciplinary emphasis on seemingly unrelated fields such as computing, biology, cognitive sciences and those akin to it.

Every bit of information that could develop will be advantageous for ourselves and the rest of the world. I am convinced that my admission will be a great addition to the research efforts of the ENLACE 2023 program.