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| Contact 601 West Cary Street  Richmond, VA 23220  862.395.8399  Raili1@proton.me  Shayna Heinrich  Recruiter  The Social Institute  555 S Mangum St Suite 100  Durham, NC 27701 | Dear Shayna, I am excited to apply for the Spring 2026 Internship with The Social Institute. As a Computer Science student at Virginia Commonwealth University with hands-on experience in teaching, coding, and web development, I am eager to contribute my technical and creative skills to a mission-driven organization that empowers students to make positive choices online and offline.  During my time as a Programming Instructor at CodeWizardsHQ, I taught students how to build interactive projects using JavaScript, HTML, and CSS. This experience strengthened my communication and leadership skills, and it reinforced my passion for helping young learners navigate technology in engaging, healthy ways—an approach that mirrors The Social Institute’s mission. Additionally, my K-Pop Fan Website project demonstrates my ability to design responsive, user-friendly interfaces that prioritize accessibility and visual appeal.  What draws me most to The Social Institute is its commitment to combining education, psychology, and technology to improve student well-being. I am especially interested in contributing to areas like website/product development, research, or social media management, where I can blend my technical background with a passion for meaningful digital experiences.  I am confident that my enthusiasm for learning, attention to detail, and collaborative mindset would make me a valuable addition to your team. I would be thrilled to help develop innovative, student-centered digital solutions that align with your mission to foster positive digital citizenship.  Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to The Social Institute’s impactful work this spring.  Sincerely,  Catherine Pereira |