Graduate Project Manager

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**Cover Letter**

Dear Leonardo Hiring Team,

I am thrilled to apply for the Graduate Project Manager position at Leonardo. As a highly motivated person with a strong background in computing, creative technologies, and project management, I am confident that I can help your team succeed in delivering complex technical projects.

Leonardo's dedication to innovation and developing the next generation of aerospace, defense, and security technologies really speaks to me. I am excited about the chance to work with experts, take on challenging projects, and create innovative solutions that make a real difference. The Graduate Programme's focus on personal development, including support for chartership and access to Coursera's extensive course offerings, is a perfect match for my commitment to never stop learning and growing.

As a Computing with Creative Technologies student at the University of East Anglia, I have sharpened my project management, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through various experiences. Leading software projects for communities in Cambodia and Scotland has made me better at explaining complex ideas to different people and working well in a matrix organization.

Moreover, my role as a coxswain for the UEA Rowing Club has significantly enhanced my leadership and adaptability. As a coxswain, I am responsible for steering the boat, coordinating the power and rhythm of the rowers, and making tactical decisions. I spend a significant amount of time on the river, particularly enjoying novice sessions where I can coach and help new rowers improve. With my experience, I assist them by micromanaging water sessions, reminding them of proper techniques, and providing positive feedback. My efforts have contributed to our team's strong and historic performance at BUCS 2024. This experience has prepared me to thrive in fast-paced environments and effectively lead teams towards a common goal.

I recently finished the Google Project Management Specialization in just one month, which shows how driven I am and how quickly I can learn new things. This experience, along with my hands-on problem-solving experience as a manager for a volunteer organization that supports mental health, has given me the resilience, attention to detail, and self-management skills needed to help deliver projects that meet customer, contract, and legal requirements.

One of the most rewarding parts of being a leader is seeing people relax when they know someone is there to help organize and guide the team. I am excited to bring this approach to Leonardo, making sure everyone feels supported and empowered to reach our shared goals.

As a Graduate Project Manager, I would be dedicated to supporting effective project management across the Lincoln project teams, making sure we follow all the necessary processes. My understanding of Microsoft Office, along with my friendly personality and ability to get updates from busy teams, will allow me to contribute to successfully achieving our forecasted cash, revenue, and profit goals.

I am especially excited about the opportunity to help create and validate estimates and proposals for new bids under the guidance of the Bid Manager. This aligns perfectly with my passion for project management and my desire to grow into a future Project Manager leader within Leonardo.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to bring my positive "can-do" attitude, determination, and love for project management to the Graduate Project Manager role at Leonardo. I look forward to the chance to discuss how I can contribute to the success of Leonardo as a whole.

Best regards,

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