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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to apply for the **Applied AI Engineer Internship** position at **Mistral AI**. As a master's student at Centrale Lyon Engineering School, specializing in Data Science, I am eager to contribute my skills and knowledge to your esteemed team.

I am currently completing the final year of my engineering master's degree, with a focus on data science and statistics. This academic background has equipped me with a strong foundation in **Mathematics**, **Statistics**, **and Machine Learning/ AI**, which aligns well with the responsibilities outlined in the job description.

Throughout my academic journey, I have developed advanced proficiency in **Python**, which is a key requirement for this role. My training at École Centrale de Lyon has provided me with a solid foundation in technical disciplines, further reinforced by two six-month internships:

- 1. Smart Building Engineer Intern at Alter Watt, Paris: During this internship, I researched and developed an IoT-based offer and tools for clients to monitor energy consumption. This experience allowed me to hone my skills in data manipulation, visualization, and project management, which are crucial for contributing to the deployment of state-of-the-art GenAl applications at Mistral Al.
- 2. Data Engineer Intern at Finance Doc Multimanagement AG, Zürich: Here, I maintained and improved an ETL process for extracting financial data, gaining a solid understanding of financial markets and improving my efficiency with Python packages such as pandas, polars, SQLAlchemy, and Flask. Additionally, I gained experience working with production and development environments using Git for version control, which is relevant to the MLOps and deployment aspects of the role.

These experiences have significantly enhanced my **problem-solving skills** and ability to work on real-world projects, making me well-suited to collaborate with researchers, Al engineers, and product engineers on complex customer projects at Mistral Al.

I also participated in a challenge organized by ADEME, where I developed an LLM (Large Language Model) to assist users in finding resources related to climate change. This initiative allowed me to further advance my skills in Machine Learning, LLM development, and complex problem-solving. We finished ex-aequo with the first group, demonstrating my capability to contribute effectively to Mistral Al's product and model capabilities based on customer feedback.

Thank you in advance for considering my application. I look forward to discussing my candidacy in more detail.

Best regards, Yoan Pontier