

Dear reader,

My name is André Cardoso, I'm 27 years old and born in Viseu, Portugal. This letter contains a small introduction about my academic journey, personal interests and hobbies.

Naturally, I enter into the Aveiro's University where I study computer science and engineering. Where I realize my weaknesses and strengths which we can explore in a potential interview. As a final project for the bachelor degree, I enrolled in a theme where we develop an information system to manage an autonomous flight, e.g. drone. Which led to participation in a contest with other universities using autonomous flight to overcome challenges in Braga, referenced on the attached CV.

Soon after, I engaged in an investigation scholarship full time and part-time on the master's degree in computation and telematics at the same university. Doing a master's degree in part-time, means subscribing to half of the subjects each semester to consolidate with the research I was doing. I was responsible to work into a solution, backend and frontend, for monitoring all IT ecosystem developed so far to the Cape Verde Justice Department. Also, it gave me the opportunity to travel for teaching how to work with our final product on several islands at Cape Verde. This project led to a scientific publication that can be found on my personal website.

Currently, I finish my thesis, which was focus on developing an auction architecture based on blockchain technology. I choose this theme to complement my knowledge about financial technologies, a subject I intend to build a career on.

Now speaking a little bit about me, at 12 years old I taste the flavor of freedom riding a motorcycle, thus since 16 I have been exploring Portugal roads doing moto-camping. To maintain this and others addictions I had to become a little bit more resourceful. At a young age, I start by playing and trading collectible cards, latter enroll in poker games in which I had minor success. Also, although I knew bitcoin early on, I did not engage and kindly forget about it while I was focused on my bachelor degree. However, since the recent increasing interest, I keep a close eye while I made my way into economics, market analysis and trading where I used my knowledge in computer science for better decisions.

You can find some more personal details on my personal website mentioned on my CV attached to this letter. I'm available to share more details via online or in person.

**THANKS IN ADVANCE,**

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