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Dear Hiring Manager at RStudio,

I am currently a Graduate Research Assistant training to get my PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Arkansas. I think it might seem weird that I am sending this letter to RStudio, as Biomedical Engineering is not a field one commonly associates with your company. Allow me to provide a little context here: All my life, I *hated* Statistics. I suffered enough in College with my Stats classes, and until the first year of my PhD (where I was required to take a Statistics class) I saw Statistics as a necessary evil, something I had to deal with but that was secondary to my PhD work. All of that changed the day I sat on the computer to take a complete look at some data I had been collecting for months (you can find the details of such data here).

The data I was looking at on my computer was “wiggly.” I had no idea of how to analyze such data because it did not look like any of the examples I had seen in my Stats class. One day when walking on Campus I noticed a flyer in a building door that said that the Geosciences Department would offer a Statistical Analysis class focused on the use of R. I was curious and ended up enrolling in the class. From the moment I opened my first session in RStudio, my life changed.

Using R made me realize that I did not like