

COVER LETTER

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Dear Hiring Manager,

Consulting – Software Engineering - 2019/20 Graduate Program

Starting my final year studying Software Engineering at University of Technology, draws me towards graduate programs being offered at Industrus this year. In my final year of studies before graduation, a graduate program after graduation at one of top employers in the professional world seems like the perfect opportunity to gain some experience as I apply for graduate programs and roles starting next year. I've attained a Distinction average in the courses for my degree thus far, with notably better score in technical subjects. A total technology enthusiast through and through, I've developed multiple applications and apps in Java-Android in high school and courses at University but lately I enjoy working on Serverless Applications at my current internship at CryptoSpend Pvt Ltd.

Any individual I've ever worked with, will back me up when I say that I absolutely commit to every project or task I'm involved in or one I'm assigned to. I'm particularly a stickler when it comes to getting things done right, so usually in most team projects I end up taking charge and thus inherit the accountability of the project but also its operation. As a result, I've become skilled at keeping my calm and guiding the team in a systematic manner while following through with my end of the work. I've developed and maintained Project Management Plans for most of the projects I've worked on both as part of my course at University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and beyond (internships).

Along the course of my engineering studies at university I've worked with countless variations of teams and group projects, most of them in-class but also a few notable ones with stakeholders besides my lecturers and tutors. Communication is key in any group project and I believe my effective communication was critical to my success in every case. One of the greatest influences in improving my skills was working on a sustainable development project with Engineers Australia. In the semesters that followed, I've leveraged my knowledge and experience to work with academics, peers and supervisors at my internship placements at Optik Engineering, ArvandTech Pvt Ltd and CryptoSpend Pvt Ltd; completing each with great reviews, especially complementing my delivery while speaking for an international student.

The field of Information Technology (IT) is constantly growing and morphing and only the most creative, innovative and sustainable ideas survive. As software engineers in training we're training for exactly that at university. I found opportunities to put my learning to practice in the professional environments offered at CryptoSpend and ArvandTech Pvt Ltd. At ArvandTech, I started by shadowing my senior interns for a week and within the time span of 2 months, I was involved in self-proposed app-development project under my supervisor, directly overseeing operations at the computer warehouse and ultimately spearheaded the path to getting the company removed from the university's career portal as the company had been exploiting interns to run their complete warehouse full-time for years. My next internship placement was at a start-up company, CryptoSpend Pvt Ltd, where I helped the

co-founders develop the technical foundation for their fin-tech platform and was offered a nominal technical lead role at the end of my placement term.

As part of my course I've learned across multiple subjects that assessing and managing information for a given project is the first thing that needs a plan before the project begins. The first step is always assessing the given information and finalising requirements by further interfacing with the clients/stakeholders. Based on the sensitivity of the information being handled, involved individuals must sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) similar to the ones I had to sign for the protection of client data as part of my projects at Optik Engineering and CryptoSpend Pvt Ltd. Working in projects across multiple stakeholders and organisations, I've learned the means for ideal information exchange in a professional setting.

From modelling business requirements and assessing risks to adopting Agile based Scrum routines in all my projects, I've gained substantial experience in drafting project management plans detailing not just my progress but also my entire team. Apart from my projects at university, I've delivered plans and progress reports for both of my projects at ArvandTech and CryptoSpend Pvt Ltd.

I've mentioned above, how I've grown during my studies and usually tend to lead the groups I'm involved in, efficiently managing my peers and the project and handling communications most effectively. While at the start of any project I don't nominate myself to take lead, but as the first deadline approaches, I tend to develop the most responsibility towards meeting that deadline and am given charge as I guide my team members with their individual task allocations for the next deadline. I'm able to succeed in doing so by diligently doing my part and making most appropriate suggestions for my team members to choose their parts that they wish to do and coming up with the best strategy to approach the problem with their responses in mind.

With my natural affinity for problem-solving, programming, leadership, and project management. I offer a range of skills relevant to the Consultancy role. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information supporting my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Akshat Kaushik