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Job Application for ESA Graduate Trainee in Science Platform Hybrid-Cloud Extension Development

Dear Mr./Ms./Dr.

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the Graduate Trainee in Science Platform Hybrid-Cloud Extension Development position at ESAC. I recently graduated from Efrei Paris with an Engineering Degree in Cybersecurity. Before completing my degree, I began working as a Cybersecurity Consultant at Capgemini where I had several experiences as a Linux Administrator and SOC analyst. While this was a valuable experience, it helped me realize that my true interest lies in automation and DevOps technologies. I found myself more drawn to working with tools like Kubernetes, Ansible, and Terraform, which is why I am now eager to focus my career on cloud infrastructure and development. After passing the Certified Kubernetes Administrator exam in 2025, I realized that I want to work in a Kubernetes architecture. I enjoy working with public cloud providers, but I find on-premises infrastructures more interesting and technically rewarding.

What motivates me most about working at ESA is the vibrant international community. I am eager to collaborate with and learn from engineers, researchers, and technicians from diverse backgrounds. I am highly motivated by the opportunity to contribute my skills to this collective mission while constantly learning from experts in various fields.

The prospect of supporting the ESA Datalabs science platform is particularly exciting to me. I am keen to apply my knowledge of Kubernetes and Infrastructure as Code to help extend these archives into a hybrid-cloud environment. I am confident that my background in cybersecurity, combined with my passion for DevOps, will allow me to contribute effectively to the security and scalability of ESA's distributed science archives.

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