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Blackrock 40 East 52nd Street 10022 New York, NY

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a first year graduate student in the Data Science program at the New College of Florida. I would like to spend my 2017 summer learning and Internship with the Analyst Program at BlackRock. As a Mathematician entering the field of statistical computing and Machine Learning, there is no better place to be than Blackrock I believe I have the educational background, academic achievement, and passion to be an outstanding member of your team.

I have previously worked full time as a content developer at XYZ. I was in the Quant team at XYZ where I got to hone my quantitative and analytical skills. As a part of my job I had to constantly communicate with the publishing and marketing team of the company which improved my communication and team leadership skills. In addition, at the University XYZ, I currently taking various courses in Fixed Income, Statistical Modelling, and Portfolio Management where I am learning various financial models and quantitative methods used in the finance industry. I believe that the theoretical and practical knowledge I gained from my graduate program along with my passion to learn new things, will enable me to significantly contribute to your company.

I hope that you will find me well qualified for the Summer Intern Position and I would like to reiterate my strong interest to discuss this opportunity and my qualifications with you further.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

### Aaron Niskin

Attached: curriculum vitæ

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## **Skills and Languages**

**Advanced**: JAVASCRIPT, HTML, PYTHON\*, R\* | Spanish

Intermediate: Clojure, Scheme, Hoplon, CSS, MySQL, PostgreSQL, NodeJS | Hebrew

Basic: JAVA, HASKELL, MONGODB, LATEX, MATLAB, OCTAVE | German

\*Projected - based on current workload

## **Education**

New College of Florida

Master's In Data Science

2016–(2018)

### Florida International University

Miami

Bachelor of Science | Mathematics | Minors | Physics and English

2012-2015

- Graduated Cum Laude GPA - 3.64 (3.79 in major)

- Dean's List (6 times)

Miami Dade College
Associate of Arts
2010–2011

- Graduated with Honors GPA 3.74 out of 4.00
- Dean's List (5 times)
- Physics Award

## **Experience**

Florida Vocation Institute

Miami

Computer Science Instructor

2015-2016

- Taught and created syllabi for courses in HTML, CSS, CSS-Frameworks, JavaScript, SQL, MongoDB, NodeJS, Functional-Programming, and Basic-Logic
- Created a free online course intended to teach aspiring students about the above subjects through interesting projects (currently live at www.fvi-grad.com)

#### Math-Busters (www.Math-Busters.com)

Miami

Co-founder and Math/Science/Computing Tutor

2010–2015

- $\ \, \text{Co-founded a successful income generating tutoring company (www.Math-Busters.com)}$
- Tutored all levels of students from Elementary School to upper-level University students

#### Military

# $1^{st}$ Battalion of the $38^{th}$ Infantry Regiment, $2^{nd}$ ID, US Army Infantryman

Fort Lewis, WA

2006-2009

- Deployed to Iraq from 2007-2008
- Held Team Leader, Rifleman, M-240B Machine Gunner, M-249 SAW gunner, RTO, Grenadier, and Marksman positions
- Combat Lifesaver certification
- Fought forest fires in Winthrop, Washington.

## 478th Civilian Affairs Battalion, US Army

Perrine, FL

Civil Affairs Specialist

2004-2006

- Trained at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School in Fort Bragg, NC for 6 months.
- Obtained Secret Clearance