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Course Developer - Sustain 2IS3 - Intersectionality & Sustainable Development

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am passionate about sustainability. For 6+ years, I have collected e-waste and produced working PCs for friends and family. I voluntarily collaborated on the Fall 2019 3S03 “From Trash to Treasure” course project with great satisfaction, which I hope to replicate during my current collaboration on the Repair Café course project. I enjoy these opportunities to use my knowledge and experience to make a positive, measurable difference in our handling of the environment in terms of waste reduction. In my brief role at UTS, I attempted to push for an e-waste reuse program, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this effort was put on hold. Nevertheless, I believe this experience would aid in the development of new courses. My PhD at McMaster (all but degree) demonstrates I am also a strong independent worker who can focus on a single topic for extended periods of time. Proven industry experience has made me an effective communicator. As an open source enthusiast, I try to give back to the community however I may.

My experience with the Academic Sustainability Programs Office have been nothing but positive, and I would be honoured to work alongside professional and driven colleagues in such a meaningful position. I am delighted at the opportunity to give back to McMaster and the broader community for the betterment of the world as a whole.

I am confident that my expertise and passion will prove to be an asset to the Academic Sustainability Programs Office. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and further discussing my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Alexander Schaap