Dear Oyster team,

I am writing this letter to apply for a summer internship at Oyster. I am a computer science major and communication designer, primarily interested in user interfaces and experience. I'm also working on a minor in creative writing, because I also love words. Books mean the world to me, I love the way books create worlds and people. The way books transcend time and space. The way books use stories to say incredible, philosophical and important things about the world we live in. I would like nothing more than to be part of a team like Oyster's where the three things I care about most in the world -- engineering, design and stories -- come together.

Through my coursework at UC Berkeley, I have developed a firm grounding in important concepts of computer science, good software design, and maximized performance, and have gained extensive practical coding knowledge. While at university, I have also had the chance to immerse myself in graphic design, and expand my understanding of visual thinking and problem solving. But there is only so much one can learn in a classroom. Engineering, to me, means creating. It is about discovering a problem, and then finding an elegant solution. My goal now is to take my classroom knowledge out into the world and use it to actually build something meaningful, for a purpose that I believe in.

As a team member, I can offer reliability, commitment to quality, and unending enthusiasm for learning new things. I can promise to ask for help, but never answers, and to hold myself and my work to the highest of standards. I have gained experience both in leadership and in collaboration through leading a graphic design team and building technology projects with my peers, and I am dedicated to being a team player. I strive to always think outside the dodecahedron.

Above all, my ultimate goal in life is and always has been to make the world a more beautiful, joyful, useable place. I want to build products that make other people's lives easier, happier, and more magical, and I can think of no better place to start than Oyster.

Sincerely,
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