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To whom it may concern,

I am a perfect fit for the forensic technology services team at Grant Thornton. I just graduated last June from Stanford University with degrees in computer science and art history. During college, I focused on web application development, blockchain technologies, and human computer interaction. Even though I just graduated, I am coming to the table with nearly two years of experience.

I took one year off between my junior and senior year to work at Google and various technology startups. I implemented a new search filter for Google in C++, reworked data pipelines for a criminal justice startup in Python, and built and launched a VC-backed art title management web application in Javascript. While working at the art and technology startup, I designed our database schema from scratch and fully integrated our platform to be backed by the Ethereum blockchain. During those work experiences, I worked in teams and on independent projects.

Currently, I am working in applications security at Morgan Stanley. I am helping to create a data analytics system to automatically detect when applications compromise client PII in Python. I also built a web application to serve as a data dashboard to surface relevant data related to all applications.

Outside of my professional and academic experience, I was a tour guide of the on campus art museums, a walk-on to the Division I indoor and beach volleyball teams, and wrote for our school's newspaper. These experiences demonstrate that I am an effective communicator and work well on teams. I am grateful for the opportunity to apply, and I believe I am a perfect fit by the job description.

Thank you, Blake Sharp