

To whom it may concern:

Please consider my application for the speaker position. As a fourth year Computing major at Queen's University, specializing in Software Development, I am a passionate, ever-learning, and detail-oriented individual. Working as an intern, I would be an excellent addition to your development Team. I have experience working in Agile development processes like SCRUM, and I have thorough experience learning new concepts on my own. Furthermore I have excellent time management and communication skills from working in many facets of the arts and sciences.

My professional experience has helped further my skills in project management, development-best-practices, and independent learning as well as critical thinking. Working at Metronome Growth Systems for the past two summers as an intern Test Developer, I designed and implemented suites of unit & integration tests which standardized test formats and significantly increased test coverage. This gave me a better understanding of how to work with others using VCS (Version Control Systems like Git) and how to effectively comment and read code which I, myself, hadn't written. Additionally, I maintained daily & weekly communications with all levels of the company which helped me improve my professional communication skills. By actively participating in all Agile planning sessions I was able to expand my knowledge and experience of development processes and improve my ability to convey important information concisely and effectively.

As Head Speaker and Policy Officer of the Queen's Computing Students' Association (COMPSA), I was given the role of refactoring the constitution to reflect the current values of COMPSA as well as organizing and chairing all Association assemblies. During my tenure I worked with all levels of the Association to design and implement an organizational system based on Management by Objectives in Notion to facilitate stronger communication between portfolios. Working in this position gave me a newfound respect for well structured teams and allowed me to expand my knowledge of organizational behaviour, letting me apply what I have learned through my studies to a real-world problem. I would not have been able to balance my obligations to school and the Association without improving my time management skills – which I have done successfully in this role.

I have been vocalist in the Kingston Chamber Choir for the past three years, which grounds me in the arts and allows me to explore different ways of expressing one's ideas. Communication and a passion for learning have been crucial for all my roles as I found that asking people for help is just as important as being able to learn something yourself. Continuing to improve these skills, and learn new ones is so important to me in this fast changing world. As a dynamic individual I believe I would be a great addition to any development team that is looking to grow, and push the envelope of what is possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration – and I look forward to your response.

Kindly,

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