First Contact Responses

Data Analyst – When I was checking through the Careers section of your website, I found its job description “*Be exposed to all aspects of data science and find your specialization,*” and I thought this would be perfect for me since it was quite recent that I chose to pursue data science as a lifelong career. This job would allow me to be dipped in the knowledge pool of data science and emerge with my chosen specialization.

GIS Analyst – I want to learn more out of the subject as during college I thought one geography class was not enough. When we sampled some of the GIS software of the geography department, I found similarities between what they are doing and what we have in our institute. With my experience in scientific analysis and with your training, I strongly believe I can perform well with analyzing all sorts of geographical data.

Machine Learning Researcher – Machine learning, for me, is the emerging champion of the data sciences and it is simply amazing how lines of code can be conditioned to get better results each time, achieving a perfect solution. Simply put, I wish to learn more of the ways of machine learning and hopefully, aid a team to program something out of the ordinary.

As to what I can contribute to the team, I take whatever instructions are given to me but I do not just follow them. Instead I make sure I give my own twist to it. For example, in our research laboratory, we were tasked to prepare a presentation on a topic related to our thesis topic. Instead of just doing a by-the-book lecture on my topic, I included a short interactive performance that involved a few colleagues showcasing the subject matter.

Achievements

A leader is not something I would consider myself being, but when I volunteered to head an event in our institute, that all changed. The materials, the venue and the program were all planned by me and my team. It was that experience in which I convinced myself that I can be a great leader.

I will always be proud that I graduated cum laude in physics, a course many people think is astonishingly difficult. This was possible with the help of my college friends that made me brave enough to face even the impossible task of completing two problem sets, a take-home exam, a project and reviewing for another exam for the next day.

My first jab at job hunting was the best eye-opener to adult life I can get. Saying ‘no’ when you are given a bad deal of cards is difficult for me since I see myself as flexible even in the most painful of times. That is why rejecting a disadvantageous job offer is a personal milestone I would keep as it made me feel like an adult who is responsible for his decisions.