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I am excited to be writing about the opportunity to work as Special Project Assistant with the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Oregon State University. My goal is to pursue a graduate degree in either Computer Science or Artificial Intelligence and I feel this position would be an ideal opportunity for me to work gaining research skills and getting to know people in the department.

I am absolutely fascinated by the way the advances in computer science have totally revolutionized our world. I realized I wanted to pursue a PhD but would love to begin working in research now. Because of this I had started to put together a list of faculty to see if they would be interested in taking me on as a volunteer. When I saw this position I became excited because this is exactly the type of work I am looking for. I have been actively looking for an opportunity like this where I can gain hands on research experience and determine what area I would like to focus on.

I have already engaged in research including working as a student research assistant in the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology and as a student data analyst in the Basic Needs Center. My work in NSE involved direct lab work, setting up equipment, gathering data and. During this time I was also able to work as a Teaching Assistant. My work in the college and exposure to developing digital software for radiation detection opened my fasciation for computer science. I also am currently working on a native iOS app that I hope OSU students will be able to use to find events on campus.

My goal would be to do well in the core duties of this job but also to work more to learn more about the project and how research is conducted. I also would love to be a part of this team and get to know other students and members of the department.

Thanks for your time,   
David Vasquez