<u>Cover Letter</u>

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am a second-year student at the University of Alberta (U of A) pursuing a MSc (thesis-based) Computer Science degree. I have been working on my thesis tirelessly for most of last year and right now I am on the verge of completing it. Now that the Canadian government has lifted the 20-hour per week cap on off-campus work authorization I have decided to start my career early since I am already wrapping up my thesis.

Before joining the U of A, I had been working for over 5 years in various tech multinational companies primarily as a software developer. You will be able to find details of my work experience in my CV. I always took keen interest in research and innovation both during my time in academia and work. This led me to finalize my decision to pursue the MSc degree at the U of A. I would like to mention here that I have experience working in diverse fields including – distributed systems, machine learning, game development, mobile development, cloud monitoring and others. Oftentimes I have handled lead roles such as engaging with customers (for requirement analysis), triaging of issues, delegation of responsibilities, live debugging of production issues, overseeing the entire release process until deployment in production or handoff to customer.

I am certain that you will find my skills valuable in your organization. I would be looking forward to hearing from you, hoping we take it forward. If you have any questions, please reach out at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Debraj Ray