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Dear Hiring Team,

I'm a recent graduate from the University of Leeds with a First Class degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics with Honours. I have developed practical experience, both during my academic career leading a student-run non-partisan think tank, and my professional career interning with the Department for Work and Pensions. I love to write and read about economic and policy-making in my free time, and I'm excited to join a team which specialises in economic analysis, particularly the fiscal forecasting side.

Last year, I completed a summer internship program at the DWP in the Horizon Scanning team, producing a forecast for the Fraud, Error and Debt division which gave advice on data regulation, privacy and ethics, and how the regulatory environment should be expected to change. This year, I enrolled in, and completed, the IMF's Macroeconometric Forecasting course, to sharpen and expand my quantitative analytical skills. I finished with 78%.

Now, I'm excited to continue my journey by contributing and growing as an Assistant Economist in the Isle of Man Government's Treasury. There are three things that make me a perfect fit for this position:

First, I have always been intellectually curious and I am driven to dig into complex problems, explore data, and deliver valuable insights. As a policy researcher at the DWP, I wanted to push myself to understand innovations in data regulation from a wide variety of perspectives, including an economic one. I communicated with departmental economists to receive criticism and reinforce my understanding of the government's proposed Data Use (and Access) Act. By building up a thorough technical understanding of the potential incentives on different stakeholders, I was able to accurately and succinctly present my research to both technical and non-technical colleagues.

Second, I like to always go above and beyond in whatever I do. At the DWP, being one of the youngest policy advisors on my team meant I had the opportunity to contribute novel ideas for a more efficient workflow. For example, I improved the existing tools the Horizon Scanning team used for evaluating the probabilities of their forecasts. My colleagues and manager decided to keep using my innovation after I had left, which I was really proud of.

Finally, I strongly resonate with the mission statement of the Treasury's Economic Advisory team. High-quality, data-driven recommendations is what I specialise in. I enjoy communicating with a variety of stakeholders and I have practical experience interpreting data inputs from across the government for my Horizon Scanning work. In my free time, I maintain a blog which analyses topical economic issues with a data-forward approach.

I believe you'll find my professional and academic experience makes me a good fit for the Isle of Man's Financial Governance Division. I'm ready to take my skills to the next level and look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,
Diogo Ferreira