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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 policy 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 a fast-paced team specialising in forecasting and insights.

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 graduated from university and enrolled in, and completed, the IMF's Macroeconometric Forecasting course, to sharpen and expand my quantitative analytical skills.

Now, I'm excited to continue my journey by contributing and growing as an Economist at Bloomberg. 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. This curiosity and interest in data analysis and processing has led me to embark on a number of successful projects, such as co-founding the Leeds Policy Institute, which now regularly presents a host of papers at the British Conference for Undergraduate Research; creating my own blog where I publish my research on domestic and foreign affairs – including Russia and Eastern Europe; and finally enrolling and completing the IMF's Macroeconomic Forecasting course, which taught me how to analyse and forecast macro indicators from a plethora of economies, most notably the US, Brazil and Russia, with modern econometric tools far beyond what I learnt at degree level.

Second, I always bring energy and commitment to my projects. At the DWP, I was engaged with a range of research areas and formats – I was analysing economic data streams from the Costings team, legal case studies and think-tank policy documents. Despite this, I stayed consistently alert and completed my work early to a high standard. Presenting my research, I received strong praise, particularly for my ability to translate technical jargon and concepts for non-technical stakeholders.

Finally, I strongly resonate with Bloomberg's mission statement. High-quality, data-driven forecasting combined with high-quality written and verbal communication is what I specialise in. I enjoy and have experience collaborating 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 keep these skills fresh by discussing topical economic issues on my blog, with a data-forward approach.

I believe you'll find my professional and academic experience makes me a good fit for this role. I'm ready to take my skills to the next level and look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,  
**Diogo Ferreira**