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Dear Hiring Team,

I am writing to express my interest in the NERA Summer Internship 2025. I am a third-year Philosophy, Politics and Economics student at the University of Leeds, currently on track to graduate with First Class Honours. With a strong foundation in quantitative methods, economic theory, and policy analysis, I am eager to apply my skills in a consultancy setting that values intellectual rigour and evidence-based problem solving.

My academic training has included modules in microeconomics, macroeconomics, political economy, public policy, and advanced research techniques. I have achieved consistently high marks, on track to graduate First Class with Honours this year. I regularly apply econometric and statistical reasoning in both academic and practical settings. My academic strengths are complemented by a broad range of professional experiences across government, research, and consultancy.

I previously worked at the Department for Work and Pensions as a Policy Intern, where I contributed to internal briefing materials, conducted horizon scanning on data ethics and digital regulation, and delivered workshops simplifying technical policy concepts for wider departmental use. I have also served as Technology Director at Leeds Community Consulting, where I negotiated and secured a partnership with a professional consultancy to help expand our student-led operations. Additionally, I co-founded and currently serve as Secretary and Policy Editor for the Leeds Policy Institute, a student think tank that has had multiple research teams accepted to the British Conference for Undergraduate Research. Across all these roles, I have refined my skills in strategic thinking, written communication, stakeholder engagement, and team leadership.

NERA's commitment to high-impact, data-driven economic analysis strongly aligns with both my academic background and professional interests. I am especially drawn to the firm's work at the intersection of competition, regulation, and public policy, where rigorous analysis has meaningful real-world consequences. The opportunity to contribute to such projects and develop my skills in applied economics would be an ideal continuation of the work I've pursued in my studies and policy experience.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be thrilled to contribute to NERA's team and gain hands-on experience in economic consulting this summer.

Yours sincerely,  
**Diogo Ferreira**