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Dear Hiring Team,

I hold a First-Class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and gained research experience through my internship at the Department for Work and Pensions and through leading a student think tank. I am skilled in both quantitative and qualitative analysis and interested in applying my technical skill to support regulatory policy.

At university, I developed a strong foundation in economic analysis. I achieved 71% in Advanced Microeconomics, where I focused on economic valuation, and 75% in Applied Econometrics, where I used Excel and STATA to analyse time-series data and build macroeconomic models. My success in handling and interpreting data led me to specialise further into data analysis, and I recently completed the IMF's Macroeconometric Forecasting course finishing with 78%. Finally, to keep my technical and communication skills sharp, I have started my own blog where I post in-depth research on tax policy.

At the Department for Work and Pensions, I worked in the Horizon Scanning and Insights team, where I was tasked with exploring long-term risks and opportunities around Data Regulation, Privacy and Ethics. The subject matter was novel and technically complex, with limited prior research in the department. I synthesised information from legal sources, economic literature and internal stakeholder interviews to develop forecasts which were presented them through scenario workshops. My findings were included in the team's evidence base and were praised by senior staff for clearly translating technical material for non-technical stakeholders.

Clear communication has been central to my academic and professional work. At DWP, I regularly wrote briefing documents on topics like the King's Speech, the Chancellor's maiden speech, and recent think tank publications. These needed to be tailored to each team's needs and delivered quickly. I was told my writing cut through unnecessary detail while remaining accurate, and I received follow-up requests as a result.

In the student think tank, I stepped in to lead the Urban Planning and Transport group when the original lead stepped down. I restructured the team, introduced tracking tools, and reviewed sections to ensure clarity and consistency. We completed a policy report on a proposed tramline, and due to its professional standard, we were invited to present at the British Conference of Undergraduate Research.

Both experiences taught me how to manage changing priorities. At DWP, I balanced long-term research with rapid briefing requests, working with my manager to build flexibility into deadlines. In the think tank, I reallocated tasks to fit individual strengths and kept the group on track. Across both, I worked flexibly and maintained high standards under pressure.

I am motivated by research that supports better public outcomes. I am confident handling economic analysis, communicating findings, and managing shifting priorities, and my record shows that. I am keen to take the next step and get involved in a team where I can learn more about practical application, while further developing my theoretical understanding of regulation and ultimately preparing myself for a master's degree in economics.

Thank you for your consideration,
Diogo Ferreira