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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am interested in possible junior / entry level career opportunity with AcademicWorks and would like to be considered as a future candidate. As one of the top performing students in my cohort at The Coding Bootcamp at UT Austin, I believe that I am the right person to step in and contribute immediate value, both helping the company to continue growing and develop my skills as a professional developer.

Coming from a seven-year background in education, during which I taught both primary and secondary level classes of Latin, Mythology, Spanish, and English in Louisiana, Texas, and Madrid, Spain, I bring a unique perspective to development and offer a wide variety of transferable skills, most notably:

* **Web Development** – MERN stack; as a student in The Coding Bootcamp at UT Austin, I carried out a number of full-stack projects, some of which are featured on my portfolio at [www.derricksuarez.com](http://www.derricksuarez.com)
* **Project Management & Leadership** – while not having directly managed any technical projects, I consider my experience of year-long planning for my classes a trial-by-fire lesson and reflection on organizing both long-term and short-term goals and being a leader for my more than one hundred students each year
* **Teachable** – as a former educator, I know what it means to be a constant learner and how to keep myself open to new ideas and new methodologies and look forward to adding to my arsenal and advancing my skills as a professional developer
* **Communication Skills** – as another by-product of my experience in the classroom, I am very comfortable communicating my ideas with both technical and non-technical employees in order to maintain a consistent work flow and achieve project-wide goals

I feel that these skills in addition to my technical skills that I developed during the Bootcamp and that I continue to develop as I complete side projects make me a well-rounded candidate and a perfect fit for the development team at Academic Works. I am happy to discuss in more detail my abilities, my background, and/or more about myself. Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope to hear from you soon!

Best regards,

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