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Hiring Manager  
Okta, Inc.  
Toronto, ON

Dear Hiring Manager,

I’m excited to apply for the Software Engineer Intern, AI (Summer 2025) position at Okta. I’m currently a third-year Data Science student at the University of Victoria, and I believe my strong academic background (GPA: 3.94/4.0) and hands-on experience with machine learning and AI make me a great fit for this role.

As a volunteer research assistant, I’ve been working on optimizing large language models, including reducing query costs by up to 40% while maintaining performance. This experience has given me a deep understanding of AI technologies, and I’m eager to bring that knowledge to Okta’s AI initiatives. I’m particularly excited about the opportunity to assist in developing and deploying LLM models, as this aligns with my current research and personal interests.

I have experience with Python and machine learning frameworks like PyTorch, which I believe will help me contribute quickly to your team. Additionally, my projects, such as developing a chess engine with a peer and applying machine learning techniques to real-world data, have helped me strengthen my problem-solving abilities and teamwork skills.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background and skills align with Okta’s goals.

Sincerely,  
Evan O’Toole