

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Francisco Kovacevich and I am currently an undergraduate student of mechanical engineering at the *Instituto Balseiro* in Bariloche, Argentina. As I am facing the final stages of my university career, I would like to get an experience abroad for a full semester to broaden my views and expand my horizons. This letter is to express my motivation to participate in an internship at the *Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble*, within the program ARFITEC.

I have always had a special interest in engineering and applied sciences, and mechanical engineering turned out to be the branch that I found the most exciting and appealing. The *Instituto Balseiro*, one of the most renowned academic institutions in my country, has been a wonderful place to study and develop my abilities, as well as making great friends. Mechanical engineering was indeed a daunting career path to follow, but through hard work and everlasting enthusiasm I was able to reach my goals. This has let me lead a very successful university career, having always been at the top of my class.

Of all the subjects I took, those related with control engineering have been the ones to interest me the most. Today I am doing my final project on the control of helicopters as UAVs for the development of autopilots, in INVAP, a very prestigious enterprise in Argentina. In the future, I would like to continue my studies in the fields of robotics and automation, both closely related to control engineering.

Since I was a little kid I have believed that exchange programs are very important to learn about other cultures and share knowledge with peers from other universities. The *Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble* is a very notorious institution, and I believe I could really learn a lot being there for a semester. In addition, France is a very beautiful country that amazes me, and this opportunity to get to know it would be unique. I have studied French for five years now, so I think I will not have any problems with courses or getting involved in conversations, and going to France will allow me to master the language.

Being a very open person, always willing to meet new people, share ideas and work in projects, I think I am a great candidate to get the best out of this experience. I am a fast learner and a positive thinker, and this opportunity will help me grow my abilities and skills.

I look forward to a positive response and I am fully prepared to take part on this program.

Yours Sincerely,

Francisco Kovacevich