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Hi AJ,

My name is Galen O'Shea. I recently graduated from Carleton University with an Honours Degree in Cognitive Science, specializing in Computation & Cognition with a Minor in Computer Science. I am currently working towards a second Honours Degree in Computer Science in the Software Engineering stream at Carleton University.

What set Shopify apart for me is their forward thinking; for instance, I saw a segment on Daily Planet about Shopify working on virtual reality stores and thought it was fascinating. When I found out they had internships, I had to apply! In the past few years Shopify has grown exponentially, and I would love the opportunity to contribute to its future success.

I know I could be an asset to Shopify because I'm experienced with many languages, especially Swift. I know Xcode very well and have developed a number of different mobile apps as both a hobby and for school assignments. I have also published an educational mobile app to the App Store as part of my Cognitive Science Thesis. Through my education, I've become familiar with a variety of concepts, including the Model-View-Controller design pattern, Sprite kit, injecting Objective C, adaptive layouts, etc.

Although being a full-time student takes up a lot of time, I think that it's important to have fun and to open myself up to new experiences. Some of my interests include sports & fitness, music, travel, and spending time with family and friends. Over the years, I've played on a variety of sports teams including rep soccer, rugby, and hockey – in which I was captain for 4 years. Throughout my life I've participated in a variety of other sports and activities as well. I am currently on an intramural soccer team and travel to Mont Tremblant to snowboard on the weekends. Fun fact, I placed top 16 in a Guinness World Record Beer Pong Tournament. When it comes to music, I like everything from classic rock to deep-house EDM. I enjoy going to concerts and in my spare time I play guitar. I love travelling because it always leads to a new adventure. I've been to over 15 countries, each with its own story. Whether it's cliff diving in Italy, foam parties in the Swiss Alps, scuba diving in Turks and Caicos, or even hot-air balloon rides in France, I'm always looking for my next adventure. I think perspective is a product of experience and so I take pride in trying to live life to the fullest.

I appreciate your time and if given the opportunity, I'd love to discuss this application further!

All the best,  
Galen O'Shea