GitHub Student Application

1. Start by navigating to the GitHub website and create a new account using your **uoit.net** email address, if you already have a GitHub account then you will need to go to your profile settings and make your **uoit.net** email address your default email address.
    -   **https://github.com/join?source=header-home**

2. Select the free account with GitHub, as you will receive the premium membership after you are approved as a student. Ensure that you also verify your uoit.net email address before proceeding further, your UOIT email must be verified before you can submit a student application.

3. After your account and email have been verified with GitHub navigate to the following URL to submit a student application.
    -   **https://education.github.com/discount_requests/new**

4. For step 1 of the application select **Student** as what best describes you, and for the discount select **Individual account**.

5. For step 2 of the application enter the following for each option.
    -   For Name, enter your **full name** as it appears on your Student card
    -   For verify academic status, ensure that you select your **uoit.net** email address from the dropdown menu.
    -   For School name enter **University of Ontario Institute of Technology**, do not use the abbreviation "UOIT" as they will not be aware of what that is.
    -   For graduation year, put your expected year of graduation, it should be at least 2 years or more from the current year.

6. Lastly, for the section "How do you plan to use GitHub" you must write a descriptive explanation if you wish to be approved, it should include all of the following information, the next page include a template which you can base yours off of if you are unsure.
    -   Your full name
    -   Your institution (**University of Ontario Institute of Technology**)
    -   Your program (Software Engineering)
    -   The courses you wish to use it for (name several and explain why it would be useful)
    -   How you would benefit from their private repositories so you can work on group projects without making them public until after it the course has completed.
    -   How you wish to receive the student pack to gain more experience with the software and tools provided.

Hi GitHub,

My name is <YOUR FULL NAME>, I am a student studying <YOUR PROGRAM> at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Ontario, Canada. I wish to use GitHub for many of my courses in order to collaboratively work on assignments and group projects using Git and GitHub.

At our institution many of the courses have group projects such as the course I am currently studying, Web Programming, as well as others such as Operating Systems, Algorithms and Data Structures, Database Systems, and Artificial Intelligence. Having access to private repositories would be very beneficial as it would allow me to work on assignments and group projects without the code being made public to other students until after the course is completed. This is a concern for me because I do not wish to have students copy my work from a public GitHub repository while the course is still in progress.

Lastly, I wish to have access to the student pack in order to gain more experience with the software and tools provided, I am very interested in learning more about AWS, Datadog, Thinkful, and Namecheap and would really benefit from having access to the student pack.

Thank you,
<YOUR FULL NAME>