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Dear AirBnB,

I am an undergraduate computer science student from Stony Brook University applying for the AirBnB Software Engineering summer internship. As a student and engineer, I have been involved in computer science through a number of academic, personal, and professional projects that have given me the ability to apply my knowledge to real world systems. After five years of experience in classroom and business settings, I believe I can support AirBnB as it seeks to create a global, connected community of hosts and guests.

I know that interns are expected to have a solid foundation in the theories and concepts involved in computer science alongside experience in its practical applications. In the classroom, I've taken classes such as Computation Theory, Systems Fundamentals, and Computer Security. In addition, I will have taken courses in computer networks and machine learning before summer begins.

Outside of the classroom, I've worked on both personal and professional projects. In my most recent internship as a full stack developer at Sweetist, I wrote unit tests, added design specifications to the company's website, and implemented a number of new features such as the ability to query, compare, and graphically visualize sets of shipment data based on time ranges. In my time there, I heavily used JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and Ruby on Rails while also gaining exposure to SQL databases and the Heroku deployment process. I have since used these alongside other skills in my own personal projects, which includes my website, an interactive statistics visualization tool, and an in-terminal tool for quickly renaming files. Through experiences like this, I've been worked both alone and in teams to interact with technologies ranging from low level systems to high level web development frameworks.

I know I am still learning and have a lot to gain from working as an intern at AirBnB considering the promising mentorship, support, and project experience offered by the program. However, I have proven that I am capable of making my own contributions and supporting the company.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your response.

Regards,
Ivan Lin