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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to apply for the position of the 2019 Parsons MFADT Bootcamp Teaching Fellow. I believe life is a continuous journey of learning and my ultimate aspiration is to be an educator who turns citizens into creative learners regardless of age, skills, and backgrounds. I have three intentions in applying for this fellowship position.

First, I want to pursue a career as an educator in the future, and I would like to develop an experience of teaching. To reach this goal, I'm taking Design & Education class in this term. Instead of one-way education based on Instructionism that I had been received, we need to turn education into creative learning based on Constructionism in the 21st century. Using my working experience as a UX/UI designer and knowledge of educational theories I acquired in the class, I'm designing a creative curriculum to teach UX design to high school students now. I want to have more practical opportunities for education and develop my skills in generating creative learning as an educator.

Second, I am working as a programming tutor at the University Learning Center and want to improve my skills in tutoring for students' success. While I have ten years of experience at IBM and have equipped with high skills of coding, programming tutor requires entirely different skills. It is necessary to guide students properly according to students' characteristics. It is a challenging job for me because I feel rewarding to see students improve by my tutoring. I think that tutoring experience can be utilized for Bootcamp teaching, and also I would like to make my tutoring better by reflecting on the experience of Bootcamp teaching.

Finally, I love Parsons DT, and I want to convey the design culture of DT to the next generations. I think the Bootcamp is the core function of the sustainable DT culture because teaching fellows are also students and they can communicate a spirit of DT at a position closer to the first-year student. Therefore, I am applying for this position and contribute to sustainable Parsons' culture.

I've included my resume and portfolio in the Google form. My grade was 4.0 in the previous term, and my work proves my sophisticated technical skills. I believe my background and experience can help to provide an outstanding Bootcamp course. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Masaki Iwabuchi