

## COVER LETTER

Hi,

I'm Ashiesh Thomas Mathews a 3rd year CSE undergraduate in TKMCE (3<sup>rd</sup> year in next semester currently in semester 4). I'm a proactive learner and a passionate guy with ambition to do something unique which will be helpful for the society. I like to manage and organize events and hold positions of responsibility. I'm currently applying for the roles of **1. Chief Operational Officer (First Preference)** and **2. Chief Technology Officer (Second Preference)** in IEDC. I wish to work with IEDC as an Executive-Committee member because I'm an aspiring entrepreneur and I wish to work together with a group of exceptional like minded people in changing the entrepreneurial ecosystem in TKM. Currently most of the students in our college are unaware of the startup and entrepreneurial ecosystem rising throughout India. They just mug up some lessons give their exams and pass out from the college lacking practical and industry required skills both managerial and technical. This is the problem I wish to solve in our college by working together with a group of like minded people. There are plenty of opportunities that lie before today's youth and they are unaware of most of them. The Kerala Government is spending millions of rupees in Kerala Startup Mission and other initiatives to bring forth the startup culture in Kerala and sadly most people remain unaware of all these. It is very likely to obtain project funds and grants from KSUM if you are able to deliver a solid project idea but most people don't know about these grants and where to apply for them and all. I wish to bridge this gap between KSUM and our college, through all my connections as part of IEDC and through my personal knowing. Also I wish to stay updated about all KSUM and other startup initiatives and all being an aspiring entrepreneur myself. Talking about the qualities that would fit me for the roles to which I have applied for, I have good managerial and leadership qualities along with strong technical knowledge.

Talking about my previous experiences, the following are the positions of responsibility I have held:

- 1. United Nations Millennium Fellow:** I had been selected for the United Nations Millennium Fellowship for the year of 2019 along with 30 more students from TKMCE which is one of the only two campuses selected to host the millennium fellowship from a lot many applicants. We worked on SDG 4: Quality Education and successfully completed our project The Gulmohar Foundation – School Intervention Programme (TGF-SIP) which was a long term action focusing the High School Students and children sheltered in various orphanages and other backward schools in the district of Kollam. The prime aim of the program was to offer the under 18 students, an introduction to the new world of education providing them with special capacity building and career guidance training sessions which is being organized and coordinated by us.
- 2. Microsoft Student Partner 2020:** Selected from among 1000s of applicants to train and increase the technical skills of the students which are not covered in academia and to promote Microsoft technologies among the students.
- 3. Intern at Tink Dynamics:** Working as a web developer intern in a startup founded by final years in our college.

Talking about my achievements, apart from this I have also been shortlisted to the final round of selection to be a google DSC lead in our campus. Me and my team have participated in many hackathons and have won the first prize in make-a-ton a hackathon organized by Cusat, Kochi. We were the pre-finalists for d3Code, hackathon conducted by UST global.

I am very much interested in new and emerging technologies and how they could be used to bring real life changes. My Passion is to work with like minded individuals in creating something that would make a change to the society using both technical and managerial skills. I have had this entrepreneur mindset from my childhood itself and I strongly believe that is what drives me in all my actions.