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Phoebe Kim, Recruitment Coordinator
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Dear Phoebe Kim,

The purpose of this letter is to convey my interest in pursuing a Programmer Analyst position in Investment IT at the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan. My strengths in abstract and analytical problem solving, combined with my high aptitude with computer applications and programming, makes me well suited for the position. My communication skills have been proven effective, within academic and workplace settings. My outgoing personality would be an asset when working in a team, particularly my strong communication skills which work with a variety of personalities. I have recently completed my Master's degree in Applied Mathematics, and am also currently searching for a challenging position to suit my career goals.

I am currently working for Cerebral Diagnostics Canada, a small biotechnology company focusing on medical devices and research. Among my duties at in my role as research associate are developing and modifying code for our in-house EEG software, writing reports and documentation for our hardware and software components, and advising the team on scientific aspects of the company's research. In this role, I write code in C++ and Matlab, as well as some scripting in Perl. I have strengthened my development skills, as well as learned how to interface hardware and software in a single project. Working in a small team environment has also presented me with opportunities to be creative in a business setting. These are attributes I will take with me to roles and positions I have in the future.

I am a self-starter who can take initiative as well as follow the leadership of others. My experiences working for a science-based start-up company and being a mathematics graduate student has helped solidify my ability to work independently. I also have a strong sense of responsibility and dedication to my work. These characteristics, along with my research background and technical knowledge, make me a prime candidate for this position. I thrive in positions where I have chances to apply my skills and knowledge to challenging problems. I have attached my resume for your perusal, and I look forward to speaking with you to discuss this position further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Grant