

# Eric Tan



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Dear Riot Games,

I am writing to express my great interest in pursuing a development operations internship within Riot Games, in response to your available internships posted on your website. I am currently studying my third year at the University of Western Australia for a double degree in Engineering and Computer Science, where my greatest interest lies with programming and software development.

I come to you with a fairly inexperienced software engineering background, but tonnes of interest and willingness to learn as well as a strong following of your company and game, League of Legends. Nearing the completion of my studies here at UWA, I am required to undertake a minimum of 8 weeks of professional practicum, that is to contact and liaise with employers to organise work experience. When I came across your new internship openings through my daily read of the League of Legends reddit forum, I knew that I could not let this perhaps rare opportunity go to waste; and the thought of actually gaining some work experience with the developers of the game which I have been addicted to for the longest time would be a dream come true. The fact that it would also help me complete my studies is more than I could ask for.

At this stage of my studies, I have completed several computing units related towards programming which have peaked my interests and I discovered I absolutely love coding and springing programs to life. I would have always achieved a very desirable mark in these units where my unit co-ordinators would take notice and invite me to enter the ACM Programming Competition – a worldwide programming competition run for university students. So far my participation in the competition has been just that, where my newly found interest for the topic resulted in a slight lack of technical skills, however I am looking forward to showing a stronger performance this year and the ones to follow.

A chance to put my programming skills to use in helping develop an actual software, let alone the game I am constantly playing these days, would be absolutely perfect and your Development Operations Internship would offer just that, and more. So far in my two years of study I have extensively used the programming languages of Java and C, with small snippets of C++. I would love any opportunities to learn new fascinating languages and am always intrigued with the advantages and disadvantages of each type. I have no immediate experience with Python, however have seen many examples of it and will definitely learn it in the near future if not at the internship.

I have attached with my application pitch a program I wrote during my first year of studies (where I had never coded in my life before) in Java, a 'Project Manager' which features a helpful graphical user interface to allow its users to manage staff members and tasks in a small business. Together I have attached the (fully commented!) code for the main class, which handles the graphical user interface portion of the program. I will gladly include my entire project if that would be necessary. This particular programming project I was very proud of, being my first year of coding I put a great deal of effort into this and was rewarded with a perfect mark.

Wrapping up on my cover letter, I would love the opportunity to meet with Riot Games to discuss my qualifications and thank you for the possibility of undertaking an internship I would entirely cherish. Please find attached also my resume for your review. I've been told it is quite impressive by my employers (ha-ha). I look very forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,

Eric (Jun) Tan