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GOOGLE INC 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

Internship Application for Research Scientist

To whom it may concern,

About Me_

I'm currently a PhD candidate in cognitive neuroscience at UC Berkeley. I design large-scale neuroimaging studies and use machine learning to map the connectivity between the cerebral cortex and the cerebellum ("little brain"). The holy grail of cognitive neuroscience is to understand what the cerebellum is doing in cognition. My research attempts to answer this question, and the more I learn, the more I am fascinated by this mysterious yet widely misunderstood brain structure.

Why Google? _____

Google pushes past the edge of knowledge by continuously breaking boundaries, and setting its sights on challenges that seem impossible until they become a reality. The prospect of working in an environment where employees are required to think creatively and critically is simultaneously thrilling and humbling.

Why Me? _____

My experience in conducting scientific research has ignited a passion for discovery that extends beyond the confines of academia. My entire academic career has been spent trying to understand the cerebellum, the "underdog" of the brain, and through my work, I have managed to convince many people of its importance. I focus on difficult questions, not because they are popular, but because they are important.

I will continue to push boundaries. I want to build solutions that empower ordinary people, whether it's tracking fitness and sleep as part of Fitbit or applying AI to diagnose breast cancer as part of Google Health. The capacity that machine learning has to advance human health and well-being is enormous, but I also know that there is great power in the questions we ask, the challenges we set, and our motivation to solve them.

Sincerely,

Maedbh King