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Dear Recruiter at Stripe:

## About Me

I am a fourth year computer engineering student pursuing a minor in artificial intelligence at the University of Toronto (UofT). I am a person who likes to build and learn from the experience. My courses have helped me challenge my assumptions to explore other interesting approaches to the problem at hand. My passion lies in building software solutions and in the process I ended up learning a lot of technologies and skills. My primary area of interest within software lies in Machine Learning and Data Science.

## Why Stripe?

There are two major reasons why I believe Stripe is a good fit for my working style and career goals. My educational background is heavily skewed towards technology as is obvious from my resume, however, lately I have developed a keen interest in finance, so much so that I have read nine financial systems and literacy books in the last 12 months. Secondly, I do relate heavily with many of Stripe's operating principles. I have been to several hackathons which have taught me to deliver sophisticated projects in a very short time frame. Moving with urgency and focus is a requirement for most of the competitions I have participated in. Furthermore, I treat my craft very seriously. May it be academics, hackathons, or leadership roles; I have always worked on spending every passing minute on learning skills to improve my performance. For example, when I was first elected as a Co-President for my club, I voluntarily enrolled in a leadership course at University and read books to better handle crucial conversations. In my internships, I have made it a habit to go a step beyond and engage myself in courses and seminars that help me upskill myself. Stagnation, not failure is what I fear.

Yours Sincerely  
Hetav Pandya