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Dear Recruiter at ECC:

About Me

I am a fourth year computer engineering student pursuing a minor in artificial intelligence at the University of Toronto (UofT). As I progress into my last year at UofT, I have come to value the various opportunities that have been given to me at this institution. One such was the PEY Co-op experience. I have participated in many different internships before but having a 12-month long program gave me a new perspective into the corporate work culture.

Why a PEY Peer Coach?

The equation is simple, the PEY program helped me and hence I am looking for ways to return the favor. I recently had an opportunity to give back when I had a chat with Sonja, an SDO at ECC, about how I could contribute to the upcoming Edge conference. The conference presents me an opportunity to cover the fundamental learnings from my 12 month experience keeping in mind the general audience. However, I believe there is a lot more specific help I could provide if I could connect with people individually in their PEY preparation journey. The role of a PEY Peer Coach, provides me with exactly this opportunity!

I remember the days, when I used to do midnight resume reviews and mock interview sessions for my friends. Because for many of us, PEY provided the first shot at a professional work experience, a chance to prove ourselves. Having gone through this process, I believe I can help in such a role!

Why Me?

Since my freshman year, I have tried to increase my knowledge and experience base, beyond the academic curriculum. Over the years, this attitude helped me work in a diverse spread of industries including Education, Automobile, Telecommunications and Semi-conductors. I have taught STEM to high school students during my time at Engineering Outreach. I gained valuable insights in the automobile industry at General Motors. I was fortunate enough to experience the telecommunication and semi-conductor industries when working for Bell and Intel respectively. Like many at UofT, I had a deep inclination towards research and I have spent a semester working with the Faculty of Information on a research project.

These experiences have shaped my outlook on career growth. If I get a chance to work as a Peer Coach, I would love to use my experience to help students make the best decisions for their careers!

Yours Sincerely
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