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{{ today\_date }}

Hiring Manager

{{ company\_name }}

{{ address }}

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am interested in the {{ position\_name }} position at {{ company\_name }}. My education and experience have given me the intuition and technical skills required to be a valuable team member who can learn quickly.

In my graduate studies, as a Research Associate at the Economics and Policy Research Group (EPRG), and a Product Research and Development Analyst at GEICO, I acquired knowledge and skills I would use every day at {{ company\_name }}.

* **Data Manipulation and Analysis:** During my time at GEICO and EPRG, I gained experience manipulating and analyzing data sets with millions of observations. With this data, I built revenue forecasts, constructed CBA’s for competing vendor products and evaluated results using hypothesis testing. I have experience analyzing both sparse time series economic data and multi million observation insurance panel datasets.
* **Reporting and Presentation:** The concise and clear presentation of findings is just as important as all the underlying analysis supporting them. As an Analyst at GEICO, I briefed to senior management (AVP and VP) via email on the major findings from a dashboard report published by our team. At EPRG, I wrote sections of reports we published on behalf of Louisiana State University and the government agencies contracted with us. I explained topics ranging from forecasting revenue streams from oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico to a literature review on the importance of early childhood education.
* **Collaboration:** This is the most valuable skill I have acquired, and I learned it through my time at EPRG and in my studies. At EPRG, I worked on a team answering complex questions that required us to brainstorm and to set strategies for how best to tackle projects. As an analyst at GEICO, I participated in a fast paced te

Thank you for taking the time to review my application, and I would welcome the opportunity to learn more about {{ company\_name }} and the {{ position\_name }} position.

Respectfully,

Preston Watts