
Re: Your Most Entrepreneurial Student

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To: "Ballard, Richard" <rballard@inseed.com>

Fri, Aug 22, 2025 at 8:36 AM

Hi Rick,

This does seem interesting, and I've asked Dan Zen about you for verification.

I did not see this earlier, but have now returned from vacation. As I wait to hear from Dan, I'll think about students who may fit your criteria.

Sincerely,
Jacob

From: Ballard, Richard <rballard@inseed.com>
Sent: August 12, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Jacob Chodoriwsky <jacob.chodoriwsky@sheridancollege.ca>
Subject: Re: Your Most Entrepreneurial Student

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Mr. Chodoriwsky, I respectfully urge you to reassess the benevolence implied in my offer: I am offering to make one of your students very wealthy, very quickly, based upon your recommendation (and because they can work local to me). Please reconsider any delays in your followup.

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On Sun, Aug 3, 2025 at 12:20 PM Ballard, Richard <rballard@inseed.com> wrote:

I co-founded a few \$billion startups, then retired to do unpaid research for the last 20-years. I apologize for that shock-intro, to pull focus, because this lead is not unusual...

I recently returned to launching multinational startups, mostly AI-governance related, out of homes near Sheridan College. If you know Dan Zen, my former professor at Sheridan, he can verify my credentials, as can past students from Sheridan from 20-years ago, whose business portfolios I helped initiate.

I'm looking to hire a part-time Python/Node developer to make an AI Command Agent for one of my civic tech startups. This Agent product could immediately spin out into commercial viability, as it will only require a week to reach MVP. Thus, the product will likely need its core developer to do some business stuff as well, at least until we can backfill them with a more rounded team.

The Agent product will also serve as an experimental route by which AI's gain "agency" (incl. independence from humans). If you are tech-visionary, you may appreciate the profound potential, and the profound risks).

If you can think of a final stage student who may be interested in this lead, please let me know. We get intense, so lots of ambition is the key requirement. Smart beyond normal human tolerance would also be preferred.

Thanks for helping us out here.

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