

To whom it may concern,

I'm Saksham, a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University. I am majoring in Information Security and Computer Systems. I am really passionate about Cryptocurrencies, security and privacy. Therefore, I am applying to Ripple as I think it would be great fit for me. I recently worked at Google as a summer intern and worked on the Identity and the Security team, under the Google Product Infrastructure Vertical. It has given me great insight into how big companies keep their systems secure.

My project, Protect My Privacy was funded by DARPA and Google. Protect My Privacy allows people the flexibility to use their data only for app's functionality and not for data mining. This project was downloaded by over 30,000 privacy and security enthusiasts even though it required a rooted Android device. Given the impact of this project, I was asked to present it at FTC's annual Privacy Con in 2018 as well as at the DARPA Brandeis Meeting.

I also worked on a Research Paper to understand why people use crypto currencies. The key idea was to understand why people had suddenly started buying cryptocurrencies in Fall 2017 as well as their reasons to use crypto currency. The results include users trying to buy drugs online using crypto but failing to do so because of the poor usability of cryptocurrencies. The results excite me as they provide an insight into the humongous potential of cryptocurrencies as well as their current shortcomings which we need to overcome to achieve that potential.

Given my background in security and privacy, I think I would be a good fit at Ripple, which shares my ideals of Security and Privacy.

Best regards,
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