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Dear Sir,

I am Michael Derrick Odhiambo, a graduate of MSc.2 - Advanced Electrical Systems Engineering (AESE) - from the University of Burgundy in Dijon France. I also hold a Bachelor of Science Electrical and Electronics (Hons) from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) and a Higher Diploma in Technology (Telecommunication and Information Engineering) from the Mombasa Polytechnic University College, both back in Kenya. Having completed my 6 month internship program at the L2E at UPMC, I am hereby applying to join your team at the L2E as a PhD student to further the research work already started

I am an employee of the Technical University of Mombasa (TUM). Following a full scholarship offered to me by the French Government to follow my masters’ education in France, I am currently on study leave to pursue further studies. My last posting was at the position of Senior Technologist responsible for the Advanced Communications Laboratory, prior to which I served as a senior Technologist responsible for the Control and Measurements Lab, both of which form part of the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department in the Faculty of Engineering at TUM. Before joining TUMs Electrical department I was a Senior Technician responsible for Computer Networks. At TUM I also taught, as a part time tutor, taking Diploma students through Telemetry, Data Communications, Computer & Communication Networks Engineering and Hardware Software Interfacing units.

This PhD program is attractive to me for three very specific reasons; one, the subject matter, *geocasting*, and how it has been approached is quite novel and intellectually challenging. Two, the area of study well aligns with my prior teaching and lab technology work albeit at a much advanced level. Thirdly, this PhD pursuit offers me the best stepping stone towards my ultimate goal of joining academia as a fully-fledged lecturer and researcher. Having started off as a technologist, it is notable that my strengths were initially biased towards applied Engineering technology. My Master’s program introduced me to the advanced research and science aspects of Engineering, this PhD will therefore fast track my trajectory into academia.

My 6 month internship at the UPMC – L2E widely exposed me to the workings of the scientific community. Working under your guidance gave me a clear picture of what is expected of a young researcher. I thus set out two activities that will eventually stand out as my contribution to the scientific world. First I will continuously seek ingenious ways to solving the various challenges - in terms of designs, simulations, tests and measurements - we will face in working towards implementing *geocasting*. Secondly I will read, collect, collate and disseminate information as regards my niche of studies, this will be done in form of journals and conference papers and joint discussions.

I really appreciate your having taken the time to read my letter. It is my sincere hope that I will be considered for this PhD position. I am looking forward to a one on one meeting to discuss further ideas of mutual benefit as regards my application. You can reach me directly at any time of the day on my mobile line +33 (0) 769 95 90 80.

Yours faithfully,

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