



## Verification of First Place in eBay's 2023 ML Challenge and Internship Award

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms that **Sanjayan Pradeep Kumar Sreekala** was a member of the two-person **first-place winning team** of eBay's **4th Annual Machine Learning Challenge** for university students. The winners were announced on **January 11, 2023** on eBay's Innovation site.

The 2023 challenge tasked participants with building models to **extract and label named entities from eBay item titles (Named Entity Recognition)**, addressing a real-world ecommerce need to transform unstructured listings into structured data. The competition drew **591 teams** from across the United States, reflecting a high level of selectivity and competitiveness.

As part of the prize, **Sanjayan Pradeep Kumar Sreekala** received an **internship offer** with eBay's **Structured Data Applied Research** team in **San Jose, California** for summer 2023.

For any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Padmanabhan".

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