EMAIL VERSION 2

Subject: Graduate candidate interested in your work on [specific research area]

Dear Professor [Last Name],

I hope you're doing well. I'm writing after reading about your work on **[specific research area / paper / lab focus]**, and I found your contribution to **[specific idea or system]** particularly interesting. It closely aligns with the direction I'm aiming to pursue in graduate studies.

Background

- Bachelor's in **Software Engineering** with a **CGPA of 3.09**
- Academic IELTS: **7.5 (CEFR: C1)**
- **4+ years** of professional software engineering experience
- **2+ years** of teaching experience at the undergraduate level
- **1st place** — Harvard **CS50x Puzzle Day 2025**
- Qualified for **Meta Hacker Cup 2025 (Round 1)** and **ICSC 2025**
- Participated in **3 international hackathons**, focusing on problem-solving and system design

Relevance to Your Research

I see a strong connection between your work and my background, particularly in:

- **[Professor's research area]** — through my experience with **[relevant project, coursework, or role]**
- **[Method, system, or domain]** — applied during **[industry work, teaching, or competitions]**
- **[Another relevant area]** — explored via **[hackathons or independent work]**

I'm planning to apply for **Fall`26 or Spring`27** and wanted to connect to see whether my background and interests might align with opportunities within your research group. For context, I've shared a portfolio link below that includes my CV, transcript, and IELTS report.

If you feel there could be a potential fit, I would appreciate any guidance you may be willing to share on possible next steps.

Best regards,
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EMAIL VERSION 1

Subject: Graduate candidate interested in your work on [specific research area]

Dear Professor [Last Name],

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out after reading about your work on **[specific research area / paper / lab focus]**, and I found your approach to **[one concrete idea, method, or contribution]** particularly interesting. It aligns closely with the direction I'm aiming to pursue in graduate studies.

My name is **Ahmed Faraz**, a Software Engineering graduate with over four years of professional experience and more than two years of teaching experience. Alongside my academic background (CGPA **3.09**, IELTS **7.5**), I've participated in several international hackathons and competitions, which helped me develop strong problem-solving skills. Some selected highlights include securing **1st place in Harvard's CS50x Puzzle Day 2025**, qualifying for **Meta Hacker Cup 2025 (Round 1)**, and participation in multiple international competitions.

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