September 16, 2014

Google Inc.

Attn: Ms. Stephanie Chan

1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy

Mountain View, CA 94043

**Re: Application for Software Engineer, University Graduate – New York Office**

Dear Ms. Chan:

Humans thrive when their passions come into a seamless resonance with their inborn nature. Realizing my own passion for programming was a long path, which included a liberal arts education in physics and economics and industry work in finance and education. Today, as I pursue a Masters in engineering from Columbia University, I continue to discover my interests for software engineering.

Google’s reputation of identifying and defending thorough, data driven approaches to pioneer innovative products makes it an important part of my career ambitions. While researching on the Google, I was impressed by its reputation of encouraging its employees to develop small ideas into full-fledged products and, therefore, create a direct impact on millions of humans. As I spoke with Craig Doner, and he described his experience building the Cardboard app, it only confirmed my excitement for the job.

While being convinced about Google’s stature as an ideal workplace, I also believe that I have the right skills and qualities to contribute to the Google’s workplace.

* I have developed, and am continuing to develop, strong programming skills in a short period of time, reflecting my natural excitement for the field. Two years ago, I taught myself Rails, which later allowed me to work at the healthcare startup 1DocWay. At Next Jump this summer, I built a personal-occasions reminder tool for CorporatePerks.com using PHP, Zend and prototype.js, technologies that were completely new to me.
* I possess a thorough understanding of complex quantitative tools and an aptitude for abstract analysis. I have demonstrated these skills through my training in Physics and during my projects at HBO, where I automated the fault-identification process by developing algorithms in Splunk.
* My belief in personal social responsibility dovetails nicely with Google’s philosophy of *Don’t be evil*. In fact, I cherished my work for the non-profit LettuceBee Kids, where I taught Islamabad’s street children. At Google, I expect and hope to be provided with many such opportunities to contribute.
* Interdisciplinary thinker - Google wants people who are out-of-the-box thinkers and are willing to take initiatives. Having being trained academically at the intersections of disciplines, I have learnt to draw on my skills from across the fields and come up with unique perspectives to problems.

At Google, I am sure that working on critical projects will continue to draw on my enthusiasm for programming and offer me a breadth of opportunities to make a difference in this world. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further information regarding my application. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Talha J. Ansari