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To the Fools it may concern,

As an Investment Analyst at GE Capital, a finance graduate from the inaugural class of New York University Shanghai, and a previous Foolish intern on the Investment Team, I am extremely interested in returning to The Motley Fool as an Editor/Analyst.

During the summer of 2016, after completing my junior year at NYU Shanghai, I had the pleasure to work with Simon Erickson on The Motley Fool’s investment team. It was my first exposure to both Foolish culture and corporate investment analysis. The opportunity reminded me that it is possible to work with integrity in the financial industry. After becoming exposed to the opaque and corrupt culture surrounding sell-side finance in both China and the United States, I was skeptical of my ability to work in investment analysis while maintaining strong ethical boundaries and transparency. In my first cover letter to TMF (just over a year ago) I mentioned that TMF was the only investment internship for which I had sent in an application because it was the only company that shared my deep belief in the importance of investor education.

Unfortunately, after completing my internship, The Motley Fool was not looking to bring new candidates on as part of the ADP program. Therefore, after graduating from NYU Shanghai in May 2017, I joined GE Capital’s Energy Financial Services team as an investment analyst. As a current investment analyst on GE’s debt team, I work as both an underwriter and portfolio manager- conducting daily project finance valuations on energy assets across the power spectrum and overseeing a portfolio of $200MM in projects. I have seen the process of buy-side investing from origination to buy-out and deepened my skillset, especially regarding advanced excel functions and VBA. In addition, the work I do directly supports the growth of sustainable and renewable energy both in the United States and abroad. While cash flow modeling for project finance is very different in comparison to corporate finance and company valuation, I use DCF’s daily to calculate collateral value for my portfolio debt deals. Additionally, the team builds models from scratch - never using sponsor templates – ensuring that I understand the ins and outs of financial modeling as well as the vital assumptions that fuel model output.

While the work I am doing for GE Capital is both fulfilling and challenging, I have never forgotten about my experience with The Fool. I have kept a close eye on TMF’s career page, hoping an opportunity like the Editor/Analyst position would arise. The Motley Fool is greatly different from my previous work experiences because the business is fueled by employees with a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship. From my experience, the culture truly offers the opportunity to employees to expand their knowledge and explore unique ideas across all facets of the business. Since graduating, I have found my own hobbies in coding and programming- in addition to adding VBA to my personal financial planning excel sheets, I also taught myself HTML and CSS to create my own blog (check it out at <http://underwriteyourlife.com/>). I even used some of this experience to play with the sourcing on The Motley Fool’s webpage to create my sample article for this application. The Motley Fool is a workplace that values self-starter initiatives and where I would have the opportunity to put my diverse skillset to use beyond just what a job description entails.

There is perhaps not a better testament to my ability to fill the role of an Editor/Analyst at The Motley Fool other than the passion that I bring to my everyday work. Educating Foolish readers, not just about stock opportunities but the overarching theme of do-it-yourself finance, would be a rewarding and motivating position. During my internship, there was not a day that I woke up and wasn’t excited to come into the office. While culture and work environment played into this, the main driver of my desire to work for TMF was the dedication and passion that Fools had when completing their work. This did not just apply to the Investment Team, but every Foolish employee- from the customer service workers which whom I had the opportunity to shadow to Tom and David themselves.

I genuinely hope that I have the opportunity to interview for a full-time position with The Motley Fool. I know that my previous investment experience as well as passion for educating American investors would fit well into the Editor/Analyst position. I realize that I do not have a professional billiards background, but I know if you give me pool stick I can pretend to look like I know what I am doing.

Sincerely,

Emily Flippen (TMF Flippenator)