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Dear Under the GUI Hiring Team:

My name is Varun and I am writing to you regarding your job posting for an Instructor. I believe that I have met and exceed your requirements on the posting and would like to present my experiences as they pertain to your work.

As one of the directors of Luscinia Enterprises, a Canadian not-for-profit dedicated to increasing accessibility of online learning. I work extensively with our team of volunteers & employees to make sure that we build the best user experiences into our premiere learning platform, Aristotle. I also have the chance to be a primary contact between Luscinia and our sponsors including Microsoft and Twilio as well as working with multiple government grant providers. We leverage iterative design principles to ensure that there is constant feedback to the development team from relevant stakeholders and other volunteers. My position at Luscinia puts me in charge of the entire technical side of our platform which exposes me to various web development technologies like Python's Flask and Java's Spring MVC as well as some experiences with Node.JS.

I have worked with my high school on providing account support for our website which allowed parents to access bulk email tools, field trip forms and a school directory. This role involved contacting parents and students who filled out a web form asking for support. In some cases, I would give workshops or show students how to use various facets of the website. I was also involved to some extent with the development of said site along with a team of students and members of our PAC.

As a member of UBC UX Hub, I have the opportunity to work with industry leaders in user experience and interface design from industries spanning video game creation to business app developers. We also take part in in-depth workshop training on various prototyping methods and design applications like Figma. In the past I have worked with various open-source applications on creating new user interfaces including for GCompris, an early childhood education suite as well as for the KDE Partition Manager's SMART data view.

In the past I have worked with multiple summer camps totaling nearly 300 hours of volunteer work. These hours are distributed across Geering Up as well as at West Point Grey Community Centre, Kitsilano Community Centre and Old Barn.

Across my experience with web-based tech startups, UX & UI design and programming as well as website support, I believe that I bring a perspective that is uniquely qualified for this position. I would like to thank you for considering my application and hope to hear back from you in the near future.

Best Regards,

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