I am a 20 years old 3rd-degree student at the Faculty of Mathematics, HSE, living in Moscow. I consider myself as a part of Russian Effective Altruism community. I have read several career profiles on the 80000hours.com website and I think that the best choice for me would be to do AI Safety Research. I have also read «Superintelligence», so I understand that this topic is vitally important for humanity nowadays, because there is a serious existential risk. I believe I already have enough background to understand the content of lectures. My plan is getting Master Degree and PhD in ML, then working in OpenAI or similar company.

. I am planning to build my career in AI Safety Research. I believe that I can have a great impact in this field of science. I think that this school would be a great opportunity for me to build connections with people, to gain relevant knowledge. I suppose that attending this school will be a great start of my career as a researcher, because I will acquire up-to-date information and meet people with whom I will likely collaborate in the future. I believe I already have enough background to understand the content of lectures. My plan is getting Master Degree and PhD in ML, then working in OpenAI or similar company.

I have accomplished Deep Learning Specialization on the Coursera platform.

I have worked as ML Engineer intern at Tinkoff Bank. I was developing a recommender system using deep learning approaches.

I have read “Embedded Agency” and some related articles.

I have won a prize place in the students’ competition “Ya - Professional” in AI.

I have accomplished a course “Introduction in Machine Learning”, which was held by Mail.Ru Group.

I have good understanding of basic ML algorithms (linear models, boosting, and decision trees). I am familiar with such neural network architectures as MLP, CNN, RNN. I use Keras framework. I have knowledge in computer science, too. I am familiar with divide-and-conquer paradigm, sorting algorithms, algorithms on graphs, greedy algorithms, dynamic programming. Mainly I write code in Python, but have basic knowledge of C++ as well. I have firm knowledge in calculus, linear algebra and probability theory. I am familiar with basic concepts of game theory.

Firstly, I would deeply appreciate if you could provide me with travel costs reimbursement, because my family does not have enough money for that. During previous month, my family earned about 25,000 RUR (about 360 EUR). I would like to ask, is it possible to get reimbursement? How much is possible? I will need to take a grace period credit in a bank in order to buy the tickets, so it is also important for me to know when it will be possible to receive the compensation.

Secondly, I would need to get visa. They definitely will not provide me with travel visa, because one of the requirements is having at least 720 EUR on a bank account. Therefore, I need to consider getting an invitation visa. To accomplish that, I would need a formal invitation and someone’s obligation to cover the costs of my living in Czech Republic. Who could invite me and provide the obligation?

Thirdly, I am currently on a vegan diet. I understand, it might be complicated for you to provide me with that, so I would be grateful if there could be an opportunity to eat vegetarian (i. e. not necessarily without milk and eggs) food.