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RE: Learning Labs Technical Support Student

Dear Mr. Uludag:

As a second-degree Bachelor of Computer Science student with a background in education, I am excited to express my interest in the position of Learning Labs Technical Support Student. My motivation to join the Learning Services team is driven by an aspiration to create the ultimate e-learning experiences for students across multiple situations. While my prior studies in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages have given me a thorough understanding of teaching theories and methods, the new skills I gain through this position will enable me to transform my educational ideas into real-life solutions.

My first exploration of educational technologies started in a freshman computer course, when I built a simple language learning website using Dreamweaver, on which foreign students could learn about the usage of vocabulary illustrated by images and videos. While the website received an A grade, what excited me more was getting favourable comments from my non-Chinese friends, who found it helpful to look up new words on my website.

Eager to optimize students' learning experiences, I participated in a government-sponsored project named "International Baccalaureate Reading Platform." Collaborating with students who had computer science backgrounds, we designed an online platform that recommends reading materials to students based on their language proficiency. The techniques those CS students applied in the project revealed to me the great potential of technology to deliver targeted education and language teaching.

The above realization motivated me to make a transition from humanity into the field of computer science and to expand my skill set continuously. Whenever I harness computing skills in study and in work, I am further driven to immerse myself in the professional realm of educational technologies. With this in mind, I believe that Sauder Learning Services is an ideal place to enable me to accomplish my career goals. Leveraging the opportunity to interact with members of the Sauder community in both technical and interdisciplinary roles, I expect to discover valuable connections between technology and my previous studies. The prospect of carrying out my own project and acquiring hands-on training also appeals to me, which I hope will enrich my career and set me up in the marketplace of educational technologies.

I would highly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my qualifications. Please feel free to contact me at mtang78@student.ubc.ca to schedule an interview at your convenience. Thank you for your time and efforts!

Sincerely,
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