

**Original Job Posting**

Software Engineering Intern - Remote  
Paid (Full-time) (30 hrs/wk or more)

[Placeholder Canada Inc.](#)

**Job Description**

PlaceHolder is a platform to help companies and landlords rent out their unused commercial space on a flexible basis. Our online marketplace matches those who have empty space (Hosts) with those who need flexible space (Guests).

PlaceHolder is seeking a Software Engineering Intern to work on our core software platform. The successful candidate will be enrolled in 3rd or 4th year of a computer science or computer engineering program, or equivalent. You will work with PlaceHolder's engineering team to build and maintain the software that drives our business. Because you will be part of a small team you will be exposed to a variety of tasks related to the software development process in a real-world production environment.

The position is available for a 4-month term starting in January 2021.

The position is based in Vancouver, BC, but work will be remote until it is safe to go into the office.

**Duties of the position include:**

- Designing, implementing and debugging software components
- Authoring and deploying unit tests and other automated software tests
- Collaborating with other members of the team to gather requirements for new features and changes to existing features
- Participating in architecture, design and code reviews

Applicants have to be SWPP ([Student Work Placement Program](#)) eligible

**Qualifications**

While not strict requirements of the position, experience in the following areas would be a benefit:

- Golang
- JavaScript / React
- AWS
- git
- Linux

Applicants have to be SWPP ([Student Work Placement Program](#)) eligible

Hours Per Week

40

Job Location

Vancouver, British Columbia Canada

Job Nature

Internship

Additional Documents (**preferred**)

Unofficial Transcript

Experience Level

Current Students in an Undergraduate Program

ID

883533

Salary Type

Monthly

Is this position paid or unpaid?

Paid

Organization Type

For-Profit or Private

have to be SWPP (Student Work Placement Program) eligible

### ***Reference***

“Software Engineering Intern – Remote.” *UBC Careers Online*, 24 Nov 2020, <https://ubc-csm.symplicity.com/students/app/jobs/detail/297a8cc914993a44071e660c1e153cf5>.

408 West 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC, V5Y 2P7  
Canada

December 12, 2020

Placeholders Inc.

Dear Placeholder Team,

Please consider my application for the role of a Remote Software Engineering Intern on your team as advertised on December 10, 2020 on the UBC Careers Online website. I am currently a third-year computer science student enrolled in the BCS program at UBC.

As you can see from my resume, I have worked as a high school science tutor for nearing five years. This experience has led me to become an excellent communicator with everyone from young children, teens, and young adults. This experience has also taught me to become adaptable and to quickly adjust to take care of my students' needs.

My Covid-19 Collection Centre Locator application demonstrates my understanding of code and software. This application allows the user search for Covid-19 collection centres in their city or health authority and filter the results following their own preferences. This application is written in Java and exemplifies my knowledge of object-oriented programming, debugging, constructing graphical user interfaces.

As a student, I may lack work experience in software development, however, I am a motivated student that is eager to learn. My experience, education and personality have prepared me to work well as a team and respond quickly to problems.

If my background meets your needs, please phone me any day after 2:00 p.m. at 778-324-2388.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phoebe Wu', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phoebe Wu

Enclosed: Resume

# Phoebe Wu

408 West 39th Avenue, Vancouver B.C., V5Y 2P7  
778-322-8366 | [phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com)

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## SUMMARY

- Exceptional communicator with experience communicating with individuals of varying technical backgrounds.
- Reliable and hard-working student excellent at collaborating with others and individualistic tasks.
- Self-motivated learner who can adopt and apply new concepts quickly.

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## PROJECTS

### Covid-19 BC Collection Centre Locator

- A Covid-19 Collection Centre Locator GUI built from scratch that allows users to search for Covid-19 testing sites in their city or health authority in BC and filter their results according to their preferences. Project uses data persistence to allow users to add a collection centre to a list and save/load it for future reference.
- Project is built using Java

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Pott's Education Studio**

*Science and English Tutor*

**Richmond, BC**

March 2016-Present

- Creates a personalized lesson plan according to a student's needs and feedback to communicate high school biology, chemistry, and physics concepts to students in a clear and concise manner.
- Organized and streamlined the company library by transforming the physical library into a digital library, which eased the transition from in-person classes to online classes due to Covid-19.
- Marks and collaborates with other homework markers to ensure all homework is marked correctly, includes sufficient feedback, and returned to the student in a timely fashion.

### **Domino's Pizza Company**

*Customer Service Representative*

**Richmond, BC**

July 2014-October 2016

- Maintained a professional look and attitude while dealing with customer questions and concerns.
- Completed tasks in an efficient manner during peak hours to ensure orders are completed within fifteen minutes.
- Managed deliveries and delivery drivers to ensure orders arrived at their destination within the promised delivery time.

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## EDUCATION

### **University of British Columbia**

*Bachelor of Science in Biology*

**Vancouver, BC**

September 2015-May 2020

**Relevant Coursework:** Computation, Programs, and Programming, Biostatistics and R

### **University of British Columbia**

*Bachelor of Computer Science*

**Vancouver, BC**

September 2020-Present

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## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Technical:** *Proficient:* Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint | *Familiar:* Java, R, and Racket

**Soft:** Multilingual Communicator (Fluent in English and Cantonese, and conversational Mandarin), Team player and Leader

**Interests:** Cooking, Baking, Video Games, Dancing

From: Phoebe Wu ([phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com))

To: Phillip Potts ([pottseducationstudio@gmail.com](mailto:pottseducationstudio@gmail.com))

Date: December 12, 2020

Subject: Reference Request – Phoebe Wu

Dear Phil,

I hope this email finds you well. As you may know, I have recently made the career switch from biology to computer science. I am currently searching for software development internships and would greatly appreciate it if you could be an employer reference for me as someone who is my supervisor and as someone who has known me for almost 10 years.

Having you as both my tutor and employer has taught me the importance of time management and critical thinking and encouraged me to never stop learning. I am currently applying for the remote software engineering internship at Placeholders Inc. in Toronto. After working under your mentorship for so many years, you have witnessed my growth and work ethic over the years. It would mean a lot to me if you could write a reference letter for this position.

Please let me know if you are willing to provide a reference letter for this position. I have attached my resume for reference to this email. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com).

Best Regards,

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From: Phoebe Wu ([phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com))  
To: Kristen Dunnaway ([kristendunnaway@gmail.com](mailto:kristendunnaway@gmail.com))  
Date: December 12, 2020  
Subject: Reference Request – Phoebe Wu

Dear Kristen,

I hope this email finds you well. As you may know, I have recently made the career switch from biology to computer science. I am currently searching for software development internships and would greatly appreciate it if you could be an employer reference for me as someone who is my supervisor.

From being a part of your team, I have acquired the skills and experience to handle tricky situations with students and in business. I am currently applying for the remote software engineering internship at Placeholders Inc. in Toronto. After working under your mentorship for many years, you have witnessed my growth and work ethic over the years. It would mean a lot to me if you could write a reference letter for this position.

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From: Phoebe Wu ([phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com))  
To: Paul Carter ([pcarter@cs.ubc.ca](mailto:pcarter@cs.ubc.ca))  
Date: December 12, 2020  
Subject: Reference Request – Phoebe Wu

Dear Paul,

I hope this email finds you well. I was enrolled in your CPSC 210 class this semester and have frequently visited your office hours. I am currently searching for software development internships and would greatly appreciate it if you could be a reference for me as someone in the computer science field.

Your class has taught me the fundamentals of software construction and has strengthened my decision to go into the software development side of computer science. I am currently applying for the remote software engineering internship at Placeholders Inc. in Toronto. Under your expertise, I was able to successfully construct a project using techniques I was unaware of. As an expert in computer science, it would mean a lot to me if you could write a reference letter for this position.

Please let me know if you are willing to provide a reference letter for this position. I have attached my resume for reference to this email. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com](mailto:phoebe.aqwu@gmail.com).

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