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Dear Potential Group Member,

I hope you will consider my application to be member of your group in English 301. I am currently a third year student in the Bachelor of Computer Science Program (BCS) program at UBC and will graduate in May of 2018.

The BCS program is a program that allows students who already have a degree to get a computer science degree in 70 credits rather than 120. My first degree was in Geographical Biogeoscience in the Geography department. As a software developer, I am interested in application design and implementation. Ultimately, I would like to work at a larger company, because I think I will be able to grow professionally in that setting.

When I write I try to make my writing clear and concise, with too many embellishments. I think that this is both a positive and a negative. It is important to make your point clear in writing, however, having a flat tone to your writing can be boring to the reader. I aim to balance clarity in my writing with a style that keeps the reader enticed.

I consider myself to be more of a kinesthetic learner, meaning someone who "learns by doing." For written reports and assignments, I find that it is helpful to quickly start writing without too much toiling over what needs to be included, make a rough copy, and then edit and add to what you have. I find that this is especially helpful during essay writing. A certain level of planning is helpful to the writing process because it helps keep the topics discussed organized. But at some point, I find it is better to simply start writing.

Currently, I work as a lifeguard at the UBC Aquatic Centre. Working at the UBCAC has given me practice staying focused and on task. I also worked as a door-to-door salesman for a summer. I found that job helped me taught me how to persevere. During the most recent semester, I did a co-op with the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (SALA) as a C# developer. This job was by far the most relevant to my professional interests. At SALA I learned how to independently solve problems. I also learned lots of more technical skills related to software development and software architecture. All of these experiences helped to harden my work ethic and I believe make me an excellent candidate to be a member of your group.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to telling you more about why I should be selected as your group partner. I can be reached at josh.a.macdonald@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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