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Dear Dr. xxxxx,

I am writing to express my interest in the Learning Through Play in Early Childhood (81) research summer internship, advertised on Cardiff University's Student Futures Account. As a second-year Psychology student at Cardiff University, I am deeply committed to exploring the complexities of developmental psychology, particularly how early childhood experiences shape their cognitive and social development.

My fascination with your research began during a seminar I attended in my first year at Cardiff University. The insights were profoundly enlightening, and this internship is an ideal opportunity to further my understanding and apply my skills in a practical, research-focused environment. The knowledge gained would enhance my forthcoming placement year at NHS Swansea Bay Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and support my career goal of applying developmental research in clinical practice within the NHS and private therapy settings.

In my studies, I have excelled in modules such as Developmental Psychology (78%) and Research Methods in Psychology (85%), gaining a comprehensive understanding of early cognitive and social growth. I have developed robust skills in conducting and interpreting research data, using statistical tools such as IBM SPSS and Excel for both qualitative and quantitative data analysis.

At Cardiff University, I collaborated on a project examining trust and deception in smishing scams, where I employed advanced eye-tracking techniques and meticulously managed data collection. Additionally, my A-level psychology research project involved an in-depth investigation into the impact of social interactions between staff and disabled children in Russian orphanages. This project culminated in a detailed research paper and a group presentation. These experiences have honed my ability to design impactful experiments and communicate complex scientific information effectively.

Beyond research, I have three years of experience supporting children in various early childhood settings. As a part-time Nursery Teaching Assistant, I have assessed children's progress, implemented child safeguarding protocols, and developed engaging learning activities. My role as a Teaching Assistant further refined my ability to foster positive relationships with children and their families, ensuring a supportive and nurturing environment. I am eager to bring my research skills, data analysis proficiency, and hands-on experience with children to your team. I am confident that my background and passion for developmental psychology will allow me to make meaningful contributions to the Learning Through Play in Early Childhood research project.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my experiences and aspirations align with the goals of your research team at the interview stage.

Yours sincerely,

Student's full name