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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am interested in pursuing a career as a software engineer in the field of astronomy. I am interested in being part of a multidisciplinary team working in interesting astronomy projects.

The reason I wish to work for the Strasbourg centre of Astronomy is that it provides a multicultural environment where I will be given the opportunity to develop my talents and work on challenging projects with a diverse group of highly motivated individuals with a passion for science.

My background is in the area of experimental physics and astrophysics, and I have completed a research Masters in experimental physics. During my undergraduate course I gained experience working in a laboratory environment, where I learned research skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and analysis data. I have experience I writing, reviewing and editing reports. This year, I have participated in a Master in Space Studies program at ISU in Strasbourg. During my time at ISU I have learned to work effectively as part of a multicultural and multidisciplinary team. Although my work experience is limited, I am eager to apply the skills I have acquired during my years of study in the areas of physics and space studies. I am a highly motivated individual with an aptitude for taking on challenges and I am confident that my skills and strength of my education, means that I am a suitable candidate for the position of software engineer.

I have attached my resume for your reference, which outlines my skills and education. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be contacted through my email or by phone.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Kelly