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Dr. Steven Friedman, Internship Coordinator
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Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am writing to apply for a summer research internship position at Incyte Pharmaceuticals. Currently, I am a junior at Boston College majoring in Chemistry and plan to pursue a career in pharmaceutical research. Professor Scott Miner, my research advisor, referred me to you and speaks very highly of your innovative approach to research and development. My experience in conducting an independent research project in the Chemistry Department makes me a strong candidate for the internship.

In the Chemistry Department at BC, I have been exposed to a number of valuable resources in the areas of accelerated coursework in General and Organic Chemistry as well as the opportunity to partake in original laboratory research with a faculty professor. This semester I was accepted into the research lab of Professor Miner, and I am beginning to work on a project of my own involving asymmetric catalysis. I noticed that your firm concentrates on the discovery and development of small molecule drugs, which I also feel complements my chemical background since much of our research group's work involves the design and use of small peptide-based catalysts to determine the configuration of complex molecules. I feel that the knowledge and experience that I have gained throughout this experience as well as the creative approach that I bring to all of my work would serve as a positive addition to Incyte.

On my resume, I would like to highlight the numerous positions of leadership that I have held in my employment and my involvement in the BC community, which I feel demonstrate my good-humored personality and ability to communicate my ideas to others. This past year for instance, I served as a Resident Assistant for a residential community of over a hundred students in which I was their resource for academic and personal development. Additionally, I developed, marketed, and implemented programs on these topics for the residents.

In addition to my academic qualifications, I also believe that my resume exhibits a strong potential for further accomplishment in the scientific field. For these reasons, I feel I would be a definite asset to your company and I look forward to demonstrating my enthusiasm for research and strong interest in chemistry in a future interview with you. Thank you for considering my application. Please feel free to call me at 617-555-1212 or email brown@bc.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

(sign your name here)

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