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## Letter of Motivation

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Dear Sir or Madam,

In January 2017 I started my own small IT business as a system administrator while being in High School. I developed a solid understanding of how IT-Systems work and strived to become more professional.

Now I am in the second of a three year apprenticeship as an IT specialist for system integration at BITS (Bielefelder IT-Servicezentrum), the IT-provider of Bielefeld University.

An apprenticeship in Germany is a dual education system which is composed of two parts: theoretical education in school and practical education at a company.

In 2015/2016 I went abroad for an exchange year in South Africa, this cultural experience had a big impact on me. I hold a strong interest in discovering cultures by way of immersion: living in it, to meet new people and to learn from them.

During this exchange year I had the chance to get to know customs, traditions and different ways of thinking. As I was back in Germany I noticed that my view on many things had changed because of my experience in South Africa.

In my opinion, the most effective way to discover a culture is to live there, to work there and being a part of the community. While living abroad I understood that things are different in other places with different cultures, and it does not really help, just to watch documentaries to understand what is going on there.

Information technology becomes part of our lives more and more. The sector is growing and the workspace is international.

Especially in this sector it is important to be up to date, because innovation is proceeding fast. For this reason it is important to have knowledge and access on the international market.

I have got the opportunity to do an internship for the period of six Month, starting around April. This is the perfect possibility for me, to combine discovering a culture, to meet people with getting international work experience.

Working in a different area with a different language would give me a wider perspective on IT-systems, with other aspects to think about and new techniques to learn.

Through my three years of experience I could acquire skills in Desktop management systems, server maintenance, network infrastructure, configuration of HP and CISCO switches, structured cabling, hard- & software support, as well as customer contact and service, so I am sure I could be a great addition to your Company.

Since I lived abroad for some time already, I know that, I want to spend a part of my work life abroad. But up to now I am not sure where I want to go.

With this internship, supported by Erasmus+, I want to take the chance to proceed my way to become more professional, to extend my horizon, overthink the things that I know and figure out, where I want to spend my working life.

Sincerely,



Malte Bax