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RE: 2009 Summer Internship Letter of Experience

8 weeks at the Cleveland Clinic truly was a unique experience for me as a premedical student. The wealth of knowledge I gained through countless lectures was invaluable and established the foundations for my two review papers on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and Genetics in Azoospermia. While writing a review paper can be a long and agonizing process, continuous supports and encouragements from my mentors, Dr. Gupta, Dr. Dada and Dr. Agarwal, allowed me to complete the process with a success. Most of all, I was able to genuinely enjoy the process of writing 15-20 pages long paper with 100+ references.

Dynamic atmosphere among co-interns was another exciting aspect of the summer internship at the Cleveland Clinic. Because everyone in the program was extremely passionate and proactive about the program, we, as a whole, created a synergistic learning environment and learned how to communicate and collaborate professionally with each other. For example, working as a 'lead' intern and/or 'support' intern during the process of writing a review paper required me to communicate with others more clearly in order to complete a project. Summer internship at the Cleveland Clinic taught me how to effectively manage my time and new information to write a paper, to attend numerous lectures and to commit to several other tasks all at the same time.

I am proud that I was a part of this unique program. Yes, I had to work hard to meet the high expectations of my mentors and push myself to read through the countless literatures that did not make any sense at a first glance until late at night. However, the satisfaction and confidence I have gained after finishing this program is something that I will carry for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
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