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Dear Externship Recruiter,

Nice to meet you. My name is MỹDung Thị Nguyễn, a graduate student at MIT's School of Architecture + Planning, pursuing a masters in architecture. Please accept my resume and portfolio in application for an architectural internship at your office for the month of January in 2017. My pursuit of design and architecture stems in an understanding that it could improve the quality of life for people in a number of ways, simultaneously. My research and work in both the academic and professional settings have been in pursuit of this.

During my internship at *TTV Architects*, I came to understand the many factors which contribute to the running of a firm. In addition to conceptual designs for a local church and work on technical drawings for other projects, I was in contact with partner engineers and contractors, assisted with the hosting of a gallery show, and developed the firm's archives. As a research assistant in the *Center for International Business Education and Research* during the summer of 2014, I collaborated with a multinational team of 6 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Working with the governmental housing agency and its affiliated contractors, I gained invaluable exposure to the many sides of realizing affordable social housing in the country—with an outlook for future adaptations. My role as a researcher continued at MIT in workshops to evaluate traditional masonry and bamboo construction systems, ultimately proposing elegant systems of enhanced feasibility. Through experience, I have developed a robust skillset for drawing and physical modeling by digital and analogue means. As a shop monitor at the School of Architecture's fabrication shops, I am well versed in the various tools and machines for rapid prototyping and studio furniture design.

I truly believe that architecture and design is vital to everyday life, from the schools that we learn in to the way our hand clasps a door handle; I am excited at the possible realities that questions of design could lead us to, whether subtle or boldly different. If there is any further information that you would like to learn of, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope to hear from you soon.

Truly,  
*MỹDung Thị Nguyễn*