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As a graduating Duke senior studying Public Policy and Education, I am applying to be a Research Associate for the Education Advisory Board (EAB). Drawn to the organization's mission to elevate student success and promote multiculturalism, I am excited to bring my strong empirical research skills and international perspectives on educational systems, as well as task management skills to the team.

My educational research experience with quantitative and qualitative methodologies will be an asset when I synthesize the literature and conduct primary and secondary research. Throughout my three years of research experience, I have worked in both educational and professional environments. In my last internship at Ashoka, an education and social innovation nonprofit, I conducted interviews and analyzed survey data to compile a blueprint for educators to teach social emotional skills in school. These experiences contributed to my writing skills, as well as my fluency in office suites (Microsoft Word and Excel), statistical software (Stata and R), and graphic design and visualization (Adobe Illustrator and Tableau).

My multicultural perspective on educational issues allows me to contribute to comparative studies in higher education. At Duke, I have taken courses on civic engagement in higher education and open-source education. I have done fieldwork on alternative education in Vietnam and Japan as well as pre-service teacher training in Denmark. My knowledge of service learning in higher education has evolved as a result of my teaching assistantships in Charlotte and Durham, NC. I am currently working on Experience Graph, an online platform for college students to connect their learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. These experiences have prepared me to work on projects in student affairs and academic affairs, the two research pillars at the EAB.

The communication and task management skills I have developed by coordinating with colleagues will assist me greatly in the role of Research Associate. For the last two years, I have been working remotely to devise academic and social emotional learning curricula for CHUM, an education nonprofit in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. As an intern at Ashoka, I collaborated with the staff and consultants on multiple projects, from grant writing to report generation.

I am available for the position starting in mid May. I can be reached via email (cam.ha.nguyen@duke.edu) or phone (919-396-1244). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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