

Dear Andreas and Jungwon,

My name is Saurish Srivastava. I'm a rising second-year student at Princeton University studying computer science, mathematics, and philosophy—and I'd really like to intern at Elicit this summer (or even longer). I'll be honest, I've never written a cover letter in my life, so bear with me please as I give it my best effort.

I first discovered Elicit around March, when I was looking at AI-powered literature reviews for research. At first, I didn't really find something that helpful, and so I was going to build it myself and even got a working MVP (and even bought the domain: <https://www.tryplutus.xyz/>). But, I later found Elicit, and thought it was incredibly powerful. Since then, I've known that I wanted to help build out the project—but up until now, I haven't felt that my technical skill set would be that useful to the team (and I really didn't want to waste your time). Genuine excitement and passion alone wouldn't help Elicit. But, over the past few months, I've iterated through the engineering process and built many side/hobby projects learning full-stack development. To be perfectly honest, I'm still not "cracked" or nowhere near where I want to be, but I really think I can help make Elicit better.

To show this, I built the website <https://www.whyshouldhiremeelicit.saurish.com/>. It features a custom GPT-4o model trained on my resume and this cover letter, and plenty of information as to why I'm a great fit for Elicit. If you have five minutes, I'd really appreciate it if you could check it out — I did spend quite a bit of time on it, but I wanted to show you how dedicated I am to this position! Hopefully this answers questions about why you should hire me and why I want to work at Elicit.

What I haven't gone into detail about yet (and what I'll take this space to do so), is my past projects:

1. A memory API in Python for LLMs for more personalized LLMs (more powerful than LangChain and OpenAI's implementation).
2. An AI-powered standup service (calls you every morning & keeps track of your progress over time & provides sentiment analysis by analyzing mood and tone). No link as of right now because I built this in 24 hours at a hackathon and didn't implement OAuth yet, but happy to provide a demo.
3. [Synthify](#) — an AI-powered synthetic data generation platform that I'm working on building a custom API for right now.

I'm currently working on releasing a simple Python package (although I want to translate this into a full-on API) that determines whether your LLM has hallucinated or not. Also working on contributing to research in this field (active problem in the literature).

At the end of the day, I know working at Elicit is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to help researchers conduct science faster and with more depth — and a place where I get to learn from the best. So, if you're looking for a candidate who's passionate, a fast-learner, and unafraid to take risks, I'm right here. Thanks for considering my application, I look forward to chatting further (hopefully)!

Sincerely,
Saurish Srivastava