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Dear Dr. Stewart,

As an aspiring doctor and clinical researcher, I was thrilled to see this opportunity to gain insight into the realm of ophthalmology. With my previous lab and hospital experience and intense passion for the well being of individuals, I could potentially contribute to a productive and supportive working environment where students can thrive and gain precious experience that could potentially lead me on a path I would like to pursue as my career.

During my sophomore and junior years of high school, my love for the sciences flourished, prompting me to take physics, biology, organic chemistry, microbiology/immunology, neuroscience of addiction, molecular biology research, and mechanisms of cancer. Additionally, I spent the summer of 2018 at the University of Pennsylvania at a pre-med program exploring my desire to become a doctor that was fueled by my love for human biology and my passion to make an impact on the well-being of society. These passions manifest in my role as a volunteer in the long term care center of a hospital for the underprivileged as well as my partaking in a research team that is discovering the effects of a gene, MTCH1, on depression.

Since this research highly pertains to the betterment of people's lives, I would be ecstatic to partake in something this influential that is trying to combat something that can result in the mortality of many people. I would also love to apply my developing laboratory skills to clinical research in a professional laboratory environment, surrounded by well-accomplished doctors and researchers. Personally, I feel as if most people at a young age take their sight for granted and therefore tend to neglect future problems pertaining to sight for the elderly. As such, I think that ophthalmology is a field of research that is underrated and not publicized as much.

I would love to have the opportunity to be a part of a team that is truly making strides within the department of ophthalmology and show you how my success and curiosity within school could translate into the growth as an intern at UCSF.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Best Regards,

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