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Dr. Raymond Jones  
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Dear Dr. Jones:

I am writing to apply for a summer internship through the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. I learned about the position from Steve Johnson, a research assistant in your office. I am currently a junior at The Ohio State University and will graduate in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology. The combination of my research skills, which I developed in several research laboratory settings, my education at OSU and my leadership skills developed through community organizations make me an excellent candidate for this position.

My previous research experience in a laboratory setting helped me to develop the necessary organizational skills and attention to detail needed to conduct each step of complex experiments. My supervisor recognized these strengths in me and subsequently asked me to train incoming students in laboratory protocol and processes. The extra hours I spent independently studying chemistry and calculus enabled me to make the necessary calculations accurately and quickly in the lab – a skill I would like to continue to strengthen in this internship. I thoroughly enjoyed the work I performed in this lab, knowing I was contributing to the professional body of knowledge about pre-cancer indicators in rats. I would love the opportunity to continue working in this environment and building on the skills I have to further the mission of the Lerner Research Institute to understand causes of human disease and develop new treatments.

Outside of school, I am active in many organizations related to my interests in community health care. I volunteered over 100 hours with local clinics in an effort to observe quality health care in a variety of settings. As the OSU Liaison and a Student Board Member for the Columbus chapter of the American Red Cross, I am able to share ideas for improving access to services in my city as well as collaborate with many professionals to raise public awareness of the resources available. My ability to work well as part of a group paired with my communication skills with professionals on all levels has also prepared me for the collaboration required in this internship. I look forward to expanding and developing all my skills and medical interests by observing, learning and being challenged in this position with Lerner Research Institute.

Please refer to my resume for a more complete view of my background and experiences. I would love the opportunity to speak with you further about my suitability for this internship. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Brutus Buckeye