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I am a few days away from completing a 60 day cycling tour of Japan from Fukuoka to Tokyo at a distance of approximately 2100km, after which I will focus on finding employment in a registered architecture company in Singapore while on a 6 month work/holiday program, so that I may gain credits for accreditation for an architect's license.

My goal is to combine architectural work and travel together to form a symbiotic method of seeing the world and learning about the field of architecture at the same time. After graduating from architecture school with a professional Bachelor of Architecture degree from the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, I went to Australia for 1 year on a work/holiday visa where I worked for building designers and an architect for 5/12 of the year and traveled the rest of the time.

When my visa expired, I traveled around Southeast Asia for 2.5 months through Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. When in Hanoi, I had to decide my next step. I wanted to travel to Hong Kong then to Japan, but didn't have sufficient funds, so I decided to skip Hong Kong to save money for Japan. Next I had to consider my mode of transportation. I looked at the Japan Rail Pass but it was too expensive for too short a period. Buses were a lot more affordable but I had taken buses throughout Australia and SE Asia extensively to boredom. I had seen some cycling tourers in Australia and Laos, and thought it would be a nice way to see Japan, although challenging. After 3 days of researching, I decided to fly directly to Fukuoka, Japan and purchase a bicycle to ride all the way to Tokyo. I've had some interesting experiences on this long and challenging 60 day journey, which you can read in more detail on my website's front page. I am currently at the base of Mt. Fuji, which I went up last week (although not all the way to the top), and plan to be in Tokyo within the week, where I will probably have an emotional finish.

I plan to arrive in Singapore when my visa for Japan expires on July 14th. In Australia I worked 3 months or less at each location, but I would like to work a full 6 months at the same office while in Singapore. If the office offers sponsorship I may stay more permanently, but if the job is short term, my next destination would be New Zealand, also with a 1 year work/holiday visa. I am still unsure if I will be cycling in New Zealand, which will decide whether I bring my bicycle to Singapore or sell it in Tokyo.

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COVER LETTER



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OBJECTIVE

I graduated with a 5 year professional Bachelor of Architecture degree and would like to work in order to gain credits for accreditation for an architect's license.

CAPABILITIES	SKILL LEVEL	EXPERIENCE
AutoCAD	Advanced	7 years
Revit Architecture	Intermediate	2 year
3D Studio Max	Intermediate	5 years
ArchiCAD (have learning materials)	None	0 year
Laser Cutting	Advanced	5 years
Model Making	Intermediate	5 years
Hand Drafting	Advanced	8 years
Flash	Intermediate	5 years
Dreamweaver	Intermediate	2 years
Adobe Photoshop	Advanced	6 years
Adobe Illustrator	Beginner	2 years
Adobe InDesign	Intermediate	2 year
Adobe Premiere (video production)	Intermediate	4 years
C++ (programming)	Beginner	2 years
Computer Hardware Assembly	Expert	8 years

EDUCATION

Fall '03 – Fall '07 Illinois Institute of Technology, College of Architecture (Bachelor of Architecture) – Chicago – Graduated
GPA: 3.5 (4.0 scale)

1997 to 2003 Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, Chicago, IL – Graduated –

WORK EXPERIENCE

December 2008	Altius Projects, Sydney, NSW	Short Term Contractor (40h/week) Temp. project designer, warehouse
Sept 2008 – October 2008, Jan 2009	Dan Thomson Arch. Draft., Townsville, QLD Contact: Dan Thomson 07-4724-1722	Short Term Contractor (40h/week) 3D, graphics, brochures, drafting
June 2008 – August 2008	Group 1 Consulting, Darwin, NT, AU Contact: John Berryman 08-8981-0941	Full Time Contractor (45h/week) 3D graphics, drafting
July 2007 – August 2007 http://www.wattenbarger.com/	Wattenbarger Architects, Seattle, WA Contact: Todd Sargeant 425-453-0606	Summer Internship (32h/week) Drafting
February 2007 – May 2007 + January 2008	Wallin/Gomez Architects, Chicago, IL Contact: Adam Wilmott 312-427-4702	Part Time Intern (14h/week) Drafting
January 2007 – Sept. 2007 ----- Full time enrollment, no work -----	IIT School of Architecture	Computer lab assistant
Summer, 2003	Whitney Young High School, virtual tour project, deployed on CD-rom	
Summer, 2002	Chien Architects & Associates, Taipei, Taiwan	

PORTFOLIO

Portfolio <http://www.thomashuang.net/thomashuangportfolio.pdf> (6.8 MB)
 Work Samples <http://www.thomashuang.net/thomashuangworksamples.pdf> (2.5 MB)
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RESUME

