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## Purdue owl cover letter workshop

Summary: This cover letter workshop resource provides a detailed explanation of cover letter targets and information about each part of the cover letter. OWL maintains a variety of resources on cover letters, including more concise materials and PowerPoint presentations. Please see these if you cannot find information in this workshop. The following resources should help you carry out surveys and compose the cover letter (also known as the job application letter). What is the purpose of the cover letter? A cover letter: introducing you and your résumé to an employer explains why you write or apply for the job details why you are a good match for your organization, and the position shows your abilities and helps establish your credibility draws readers' attention to specific qualifications providing a selection of your written communication skills explaining when you plan to contact your potential employer. Tailor the cover letter to: Show specific needs for employers and how you meet them, persuade that your goals match your organization's goals (assignments) and that your skills match job requirements (see also our effective workplace writing resource). An effective cover letter: Highlights the qualifications associated with the position set out in the job criteria, shows that you are well matched with your organization, and that you meet the job requirements provide contact information and a plan for future contact. Learning about the job Your ability to learn the needs of your readers will help you write a cover letter effectively. You should learn as much as you can about your audience (your potential employer) before writing your cover letter. Your goal is to learn about your organization, its goals and needs. Then you should learn about what kind of employee your organization needs and what an employee is expected to do. Once you've read a job ad, you can ask as many questions as you can to find out what your potential employer wants. Finally, think about who should read your job application documents - human resources, potential employers, etc. Think about how your document moves through the organization you want to join (see also our audience analytics resource). Some questions to begin with are: What values and skills would a good match have for the potential organization/job? What kind of personality do I have? What level of education do I need? What kind of work experience do I need? Read the job advertisement carefully. Most ads are divided into two sections, a qualification section, and an explanation of what tasks the hired candidate will perform. Contact your organization Another way to learn about a good match for your organization and job is to contact someone with inside information (insiders). Insiders include, but are not limited to: a professor your employer an expert in your field a person who holds the position you want in another company. Insiders may be able to tell you what a job entails and what kind of person an employer is likely to hire. If you decide to call insiders, it is important for you to be kind and truthful at all times. Being kind will help you avoid offending someone that you can work with in the future. It is best for you to see each contact with a company as an opportunity to make a good impression. When you call insiders: try scheduling the flow of the conversation in advance. Start by explaining who you are and why you're calling. Ask questions that will facilitate an informative, friendly conversation. Write questions before you call to avoid a break in the conversation. Questions like the following will help you start an effective conversation: What are your organization's goals/assignments? What kind of person is your business looking for? Which qualifications are most important for this position? Is there anyone else I can contact to learn more about your business? Is there anything you think someone with my experience should do to improve my qualifications? Try to keep the conversation rolling, and maintain a pleasant tone at all times. Also remember to thank the contact for talking to you, even if he or she could not provide you with useful information. Read your organization's website Another good way to do your audience analysis is to read your organization's website. Corporate/organizational websites give a good idea of what a company/organization values. Look for words that describe the company and its employees. Words repeated throughout the site reveal particularly important values. Some organization sites may even have a Mission Statement you can read to learn about what they want to achieve. Use the language of the website and in the mission statement to guide your language in the cover letter. Use college career centers If you're in college, see what information is available at the university's career center. See if the university has any connections to this company. Career centers should have information about upcoming visits by companies to career fairs. At Purdue University, the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) maintains a range of resources that are useful for students looking for internships and jobs. In addition, Purdue University offers a career Wiki here. Summary: This page provides a down-and-dirty guide to writing cover letters. Here you will find short answers and lists of what to include in a cover letter, how to order and format such a letter, and what to do before sending it out. A cover letter introduces you and your resume to potential employers or organizations you seek to join (nonprofits, educational institutions, etc. It's the first document an employer sees, so is often the first impression you want to make. Take advantage of this important first impression and prepare the reader for your application, and state why you are writing, why you are a good match for the job and the organization, and when you want to contact him or her. Cover letters do more than introduce your resume, though. A cover letter's significance also includes its ability to: Explain your experiences in a history-like format that works with the information in your cv So that you can delve into important experiences/skills and relate them to job requirements Show the employer that you individualize (tailor) this job application Provide a selection of your written communication skills The following resources are a collection of tips and strategies to guide you through the writing of the cover letter. See the sample letters for a picture of the finished product. Good luck writing! Job seekers at Purdue University can find value in purdue career Wiki here. The following are additional Purdue OWL resources to help you write the cover letter: The cover letter is one of the most challenging documents you can ever write: you have to write about yourself without sounding selfish and self-centered. The solution to this is to explain how your values and goals match your potential organization's and to discuss how your experience will meet the job requirements. However, before we get to content, you need to know how to format your cover letter professionally. Format the cover letter The cover letter should convey a professional message. Of course, the special expectations of a professional format depend on the organization you want to join. For example, an accounting position in a law firm requires a more traditional document format. A position as Imagineer at Disney may require a completely different approach. Again, a close public analysis of the company and the position will provide important information about the document expectations. Let your organization's communication guide your work. In this example, we use a traditional approach to cover letters: Single room initial Leave a space between each paragraph Leave three spaces between closing (such as Sincere or Greeting) and typed name Leave a space between the heading (contact information) and greeting (for example, Dear Mr. Roberts) Adjust either all paragraphs to the left of the page, or indent the first line of each paragraph on the right Use standard margins for the cover letter, such as one-inch margins on all pages of the document Center the letter in the middle of the page; in other words, make sure that the space at the top and bottom of the page is the same Sign your name with handwriting between the greeting and the written name Organizing the cover letter A cover letter has important parts: heading, introduction, argument and closing. Heading In the heading, include the contact information: name address email address email address The date and contact information for your company should follow the contact information directly. Use distance efficiently to keep this information more organized and readable. Use the link at the top of this resource to display an example cover letter – note that the letter is double distributed for readability purposes only. Addressing the cover letter Whenever possible, you should take up your letter to a specific person, the person responsible for interviewing and hiring (the employment authority). Larger companies often have standard procedures for dealing with requested and unsolicited CVs and cover letters. Sending work documents to a particular person increases the chances that they will be seriously reviewed by the company. When a job ad doesn't give you the name of the employment authority, call the company to ask for more information. Although your contact can't tell you the name of the employment authority, you can use this time to learn more about the company. If you don't find out the name of the hiring authority, you can take up your letter to hiring professionals - such as Dear Hiring Professionals. The introduction Introduction should include a greeting, such as Dear Mr. Roberts: If you are unsure of the sex of the contact, avoid using Mr. or Mrs. by simply using the person's full name. The body of its introduction can be organized in many ways. However, it is important to include, who you are and why you write. It can also say how you learned about the position and why you are interested in it. (This may be the right opportunity to briefly relate your education and/or experience to the requirements of the position.) Many people hear about vacancies from contacts related to the company. If you want to include a person's name in the cover letter, make sure that your reader has a positive relationship with the person. In some cases, you may have met the reader of your cover letter. In such cases, it is acceptable to use the introduction to remind the reader who you are and briefly discuss a particular topic in your previous conversations. The most important thing is to brief on why your values and goals match your organization's and how you want to help them. You should also touch how you match the location requirements. By reviewing how you match your organization and how your skills match what they're looking for, you can predict the content of the cover letter before you transition to the argument. Your argument argument is an important part of the cover letter, because it allows you to persuade the reader why you are well suited for the company and the job. Choose carefully what you want in your argument. You want the argument to be as powerful as possible, but it shouldn't cloud your main points by including excessive or irrelevant details about your past. In addition, use the resume (and refer to it) as a source of data that you want to use and expand on in the cover letter. In your argument, you should try to: Show your reader that you have the most important skills s/he seeks (you are a good match for your organization's mission/goals and job requirements). Convince the reader that the company will benefit from hiring you (how you will help them). Include in each section a strong reason for your employer to hire you and how they will benefit from the relationship. Maintain an upbeat/personable tone. Avoid explaining the entire resume, but use your resume as a data source to support the argument (the two documents should work together). Reminder: When writing your argument, it is important for you to learn as much as possible about the company and the job (see Cover Letter Workshop - Introductory Resource). Ending Your termination rests your main points and reveals what you plan to do after your readers have received your resume and cover letter. We recommend that you do the following in the shutdown: Keep up to date on why you match your organization's mission/goals. Explain why your skills match your location requirements and how your experience will help your organization. Inform your readers when you want to contact them. Include your phone number and email address. Thank your readers for their consideration. An example: I believe my training and work experience in electrical engineering will help the Baltimore division achieve its goals, and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the position further. I will contact you before 5 June to discuss my application. If you would like to contact me, I can be reached at 765-555-6473, or by email on jwillis3@e-mail-link.com. Thank you for your time and consideration. While this closure may seem bold, potential employers will read your documents with more interest if they know you will call them in the future. Many labour authorities also prefer candidates who are willing to take the initiative for follow-up. In addition, by following up, you can inform potential employers that you are still interested in the position and decide where the company is in the hiring process. When you tell your readers that you want to contact them, it's important that you do so. It won't reflect well on you if you forget to call a potential employer when you said you would. It is best to demonstrate your punctuality and interest in the company by calling when you say you want. 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You can make an appointment to talk about your letter, whether you need to start drawing it or want help revising and editing. Click the link at the top of this resource for an example cover letter. Please note that this example is double distributed for readability only. Unless otherwise requested, always easily space your professional communication. The following are several Purdue OWL resources to help you write the cover letter: letters:

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