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**Subject:** Internship Inquiry RE: Institute for Music & Brain Science  
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Dear Ms. Jilek,

Thank you for your e-mail and the information about your Institute and AJ.

This would be a terrific summer for AJ to intern at The Institute for Music & Brain Science - we will have about a half-dozen graduate, undergraduate, and graduating high school students working on various projects, including literature research and reviews for my upcoming book, "The Cognitive Neuroscience of Music, 2nd Edition" (Oxford Univ Press) - a nice fit, given AJs interest and current educational level. What grade is he currently in? What is his surname?

The Harvard and MIT Student Affairs Offices and Harvard Real Estate Office may be able to assist AJ and you re: summer housing in Boston. Alternatively, there should be plenty of Boston and Cambridge sublets listed in MLS and elsewhere, as many BU, Northeastern, Harvard, MIT, Emmanuel, and other colleges' students live off-campus during the school year and vacate for the summer.

Please feel free to give AJ my email address - or he can just click on "EMail the Director" on The Institute's website.

What an interesting non-profit you run! Will you be at the International Mind, Brain, & Education Society meeting in Philly in May? Hopefully, I will get a chance to meet you and continue collabrating on summer internships for college and high school students in years to come.

Sincerely,  
Mark

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To: Tramo, Mark Jude  
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Dr. Tramo:

I wanted to introduce myself as the Executive Director of the Pinhead Institute, a Smithsonian Affiliate located in Telluride, Colorado (USA). We are an organization based in Telluride that strives to promote science-education both locally and globally. An international network of the world's leading scientists support our many educational programs providing unparalleled opportunity to high-level scientific education in rural Colorado.

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I am reaching out to you regarding our esteemed Pinhead Institute Internship Program. I was wondering if you or any of your colleagues might accept a High School student to work with you this summer. I have an amazing student this year that is looking for experiences such as those you might be able to provide. I wanted to touch base first to see if you do accept younger students before having us contact you directly with our student's "Letter of Interest" and resume for your perusal.

I have a student this year who is extremely interested in acoustics and understanding more about the connection between music and the brain. I was thrilled to come across your research at the "Institute for Music & Brain Science" & hope there may be opportunities for young students with your group. Our student, AJ, is a very bright, personable, and hard working student. AJ has been studying music since he was very young, but is also a young man who is tremendously interested in science. He is looking for an experience this summer where he can mesh these two interests. He is extremely enthusiastic about learning & is a reliable worker who has volunteered with Pinhead for the past two summers. Might you have any ideas for someone/someplace that I could contact in finding internship opportunities for this young man? Our student is looking to spend roughly 6-10 weeks working anywhere from late June through early August 2009 if possible.

Just to provide you with a little background on our program, our student interns typically work with mentors and their assistants on various projects during the course of their internship. Our students are great resources for attending to those projects that stay in the to-do pile but get perpetually shoved back to the bottom of the pile. The students do not necessarily expect interesting work, just inspiring surroundings. They know that they must be self-motivated and self-starting to do unstructured internships. Our ultimate hope in the internship program is that the experience opens the world of science to these young adults and they will chose a career geared in the sciences. Perhaps not so ambitious, but equally important, we hope that they learn to appreciate and understand their natural world to a greater extent.

Please let me know if your organization might be interested in working with a Pinhead student. The students selected for our program this year have gone through a rigorous selection process and I can assure you that anyone associated with your program would be proud to work with any of them. Our students are also provided with a \$1500 scholarship to fund their internship each summer. This scholarship funding should cover the costs of their housing, travel, and living expenses over the course of their internship. This way, your only expense should be one of time in mentoring our student over the summer.

I am happy to speak to you about our Internship Program, our students, or any other questions or concerns you may have at any time...please don't hesitate to contact me. So far this year, I am placing students at the Smithsonian National Zoo, the Andes to Amazon Research Program (Peru), the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, and the California Academy of Sciences. Hopefully this shows the caliber of our collaborations.

To learn more about the Pinhead Internship Program or to read 2008 Pinhead Intern "Letters from the Field," please visit our website at...

<http://pinheadinstitute.org/index.html>

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Thank you for your consideration, I think the opportunities a you could provide our student would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our rural youth.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best.

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