

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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The Texas Comptroller's office gave me my breakthrough.

After graduating in December 2022 with a bachelor's degree, I spent a year navigating the challenges of a tech industry in crisis. During this time, I decided to start a master's degree at the University of Texas at Austin to expand my skills and gain new perspectives. I then applied to the Comptroller's summer internship program, and I was thrilled to be offered an opportunity to intern as a Software Engineer Tester.

From day one, I felt welcomed and supported. My team made it a safe space to ask questions, share ideas and grow professionally. The experience was invaluable, as I gained hands-on exposure to essential skills in quality assurance and software testing.

I experienced an office filled with inspiring leadership.

I had the privilege of meeting with executives and even Glenn Hegar, the Comptroller of Texas. Their insights and dedication to public service inspired me to approach work with integrity, compassion and a drive for excellence. Hearing their stories encouraged me to continuously seek knowledge and push myself to develop professionally.

The Texas Comptroller's office also stands out for its incredible work-life balance and supportive environment. Here, I found not only professional development but also a community that genuinely cared about my growth and well-being.



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At the end of my internship, I was overjoyed to accept a full-time offer with the team. I am now fully immersed in my role, continuously learning and evolving as a professional. I am grateful to be part of a workplace that values both technical expertise and personal growth, and I look forward to contributing to the impactful work being done here.