## **INTERN SUCCESS STORY**





I have a desire to serve others. The Comptroller's office lets me.

As my final year of college was ending, I was growing anxious. My work experience, up to that point, consisted of two restaurant gigs and a stint in an industrial warehouse. I felt ill-equipped to launch into a full-time position after graduation — I first needed to learn how to work in an office.

I arrived at my university's career fair searching for an opportunity to gain experience and serve others. I found this opportunity at the Comptroller's booth. The recruiter described an agency dedicated to Texans. I learned about its diverse range of divisions, all working collectively to ensure taxpayer dollars are most effectively spent. At the agency, one can learn a little bit about everything — tax auditing, broadband development, legal affairs, and plenty in between. Lacking previous internship experience, this excited me. I applied to the Comptroller's office knowing that I could serve Texans while discovering my career interests and goals. Experiential learning became my daily reality.

Roughly four months later, I began interning for the Comptroller's office in the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). SECO dedicates itself to schools, hospital districts, and



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local governments looking to revamp their aging energy infrastructure. There, I was introduced to a collaborative and excited team of colleagues led by a director who ensured my internship experience was substantive. The team trusted me with consequential tasks. I created several internal documents, including a procedural guide designed for future SECO employees. I participated in meetings, drafted reports, and reviewed contracts.

I proudly accepted an offer to become a full-time employee with SECO. My work throughout the summer was real, educational, and, most importantly, in service of others. I didn't want that to end.