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I decided to take a different route.

Upon graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations (PR), I knew I wanted to stay in Austin and use my communications skills in a legislative or government capacity, rather than at an advertising agency or PR firm as many of my peers did. I joined the Comptroller office's summer internship program a couple weeks late because I took the LSAT in June. My human resources coordinator (along with everyone else I would be working with) was understanding, sending me well wishes ahead of test day, inviting me to intern events prior to my onboarding and even allowing for an expedited orientation.

Everyone has made me feel valued and welcome since day one.

Working in the Broadband Development Office (BDO) opened so many doors for me. I met so many interesting people and learned so much from each connection. Throughout my internship, everyone at the Comptroller's office was willing to give me advice for law school and introduce me to people who work in careers that I am passionate about. Anytime I crossed paths with a new face at the Comptroller's office, I was greeted with a kind introduction and genuine interest in my role here. Executive staff made time to chat with me about my professional goals and truly listened to everything I had to say.

I know the work I do here will impact the lives of so many Texans.

I played a huge part in standing up the BDO's competitive grant program since my first day at the Comptroller's office. Thanks to my supervisor, I finally conquered my fear of public speaking. Because he pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and convinced me to facilitate meetings with the internet service providers and local elected officials, I not only grew more comfortable speaking to large audiences, but also formed relationships with people across the state of Texas. It is because of my team that I quickly accepted the opportunity to work full-time in the BDO. That led to the opportunity to transition to the Legislative Affairs team. I enjoyed my time in the BDO and am looking forward to using the knowledge I gained there in my new role serving as a liaison between the Legislature and the Comptroller's office. It is extremely rewarding to be a part of a team that trusts me with difficult and important tasks. It feels good to know that the work I do every day means something.



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