

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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An internship at the Comptroller's office helped kickstart my cybersecurity career.

After graduating college and studying cybersecurity on my own for a year, I was offered a summer internship with the Comptroller's office. My internship gave me invaluable insight into the core cybersecurity functions organizations must have, the complex world of information security, and how important it is to protect data.

The security professionals I worked with during my internship were nothing short of amazing. They provided me with countless opportunities to network with others and learn more about the evolving digital landscape. I learned how crucial security education for users is and how humans are the first line of defense against ongoing cyberattacks.

I was encouraged to try new things.

On top of my work, the team never failed to keep a lively and fun atmosphere with unique traditions and events. I met a wonderful mentor and two great managers who were always urging me to get out of my comfort zone. The principle of challenging oneself to grow is something I cherish greatly and appreciate being valued here at the Comptroller's office.

Nearing the end of my internship, I successfully applied various security education concepts I had learned to increase security awareness amongst my fellow interns. Upon completion of my intern project, I accepted a full-time position as a cybersecurity analyst with the Information Security division. My time at the Comptroller's office has helped hone my professional and personal development, and I look forward to building relationships with my co-workers and becoming a better security sentinel.



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